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of Families Receiving Aid  
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## **INTRODUCTION**

This report presents data on various social and economic characteristics of families who received cash assistance from the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) Program in California during October 1995. The data in this report are based on information obtained from an AFDC survey conducted by the California Department of Social Services for the study month of October 1995 (Appendix A is a copy of the actual survey document).

## **DESCRIPTION OF THE AFDC PROGRAM**

The AFDC program was developed to provide economic support to children who live in families with no or very low income. AFDC is the largest cash grant program in California in terms of recipients as well as expenditures. Approximately 2.6 million people received AFDC grants in California during October 1995 (1.8 million children and 831,000 adults). The cost of the cash grants paid out during the month of October 1995 was approximately \$479 million.

The AFDC program is divided into three major subgroups: aid to family groups (FG), aid to children with unemployed parents (U), and aid to children in foster care (FC). This report provides characteristic information on assistance units (AUs) aided under the FG and U program components only. Statistical information on the children who received foster care funding is published in a separate series of reports prepared by this Bureau.

An AU is composed of those persons in the family who receive an AFDC grant. A "household" differs from an AU in that the household includes all persons in the same dwelling unit regardless of their relationship to members of the AU or their eligibility for AFDC. An AFDC AU is also referred to as a "case."

## SURVEY BACKGROUND

The AFDC surveys are designed and conducted to capture information related to current issues within the AFDC program. This is accomplished by tailoring each survey so that particular questions are asked and data are gathered that will assist in analyzing and estimating the effect of court cases, proposed legislation and regulations, and in overall administration of the AFDC program.

The survey document is composed of a standard half and a variable half. The questions on the standard half are asked each time a survey is conducted. For example, issues that continually arise include the family's basis of deprivation, the household composition, the total income received during the budget period, and the amount of the grant. Questions on the variable half differ each time a survey is conducted although some questions may be repeated on more than one survey.

Special thanks are given to county survey liaisons and Information Services Bureau staff who processed the survey data.

## SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS

The results of this survey revealed that some minor changes have occurred when compared to the results of surveys conducted in April 1994 and October 1994. Only questions that were on all three surveys were used during the comparison process. Most differences were small, but the following are a few topics that revealed variances of over eight percent:

- **The age of fathers in FG cases continues to change** (Table 7)
  - From 4/94 to 10/95
    - the number of 25-29 year old fathers decreased by 10.2 percent
  - From 10/94 to 10/95
    - the number of 30-34 year old fathers decreased by 8.5 percent
    - the number of 40-44 year old fathers increased by 15.0 percent
- **The number of cases with earned income has increased** (Table 19)
  - From 4/94 to 10/95
    - the number of U cases with earned income increased by 17.6 percent
  - From 10/94 to 10/95
    - the number of FG cases with earned income increased by 10.0 percent
    - the number of U cases with earned income increased by 8.5 percent
- **The number of U cases with citizen children of undocumented alien parents has decreased** (Table 26)
  - From 4/94 to 10/95 the decrease was 8.3 percent
  - From 10/94 to 10/95 the decrease was 11.3 percent
- **The number of U cases that have been on aid between one and two years since the most recent case opening has decreased by 8.3% since 4/94** (Table 35).

## TREND HIGHLIGHTS

There were only a few topics that are charted in the trends section that display significant changes over the past ten years. These changes are described below. **Please note that when reviewing the ten year trend data, changes in the general population during the ten years must be considered when looking at changes in the AFDC population.**

- **The number of AFDC recipients decreased slightly during the past year although the general population continued to grow** (Charts 1, 2 and 3).
  - The percent of the California population that receives AFDC has decreased from 8.2 percent in 1994 to 8.0 percent in 1995. In 1986, 6.2 percent of the population received AFDC.
- **AFDC recipients are continuing to work more than in past years and they are earning more** (Charts 17, 19 and 20).
  - 31 percent of U families are working compared to 16 percent ten years ago. In 1994, 23 percent were working.
  - U families earned an average of \$573 per month in both 1994 and 1995. In 1986, when the minimum wage was \$3.35 per hour rather than \$4.25, the average earnings for U families was \$275 per month.



## **METHODOLOGY**

### **POPULATION COVERAGE**

The data in this report reflect characteristics of families receiving AFDC in the study month of October 1995.

### **SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE**

The survey questionnaire was designed by the Information Services Bureau of the California Department of Social Services. County staff completed the questionnaires and returned them to the Information Services Bureau for processing and preparation of this report.

### **SOURCE OF DATA**

All information was derived from AFDC case records. No AFDC recipients were interviewed.

### **SAMPLING INFORMATION**

The sample cases for this survey were drawn from the Department of Health Services' Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System Monthly Extract File. This file is an up-to-date listing of all persons in California who are eligible for AFDC and receive Medi-Cal cards in a particular month.

The total statewide random sample consisted of 1,307 AFDC cases, 665 AFDC-FG and 642 AFDC-U. Sample cases were split as evenly as possible between FG and U, rather than in proportion to the actual caseload, because a proportionate sample would have resulted in the selection of too few cases for a separate analysis of the AFDC-U data.

### **DATA PRESENTATION**

The data represented by tables in this publication were developed by expanding the number of sample cases on the computerized data file to the actual number of AFDC cases that received a cash grant during the study month. Due to computer expansion and rounding, the frequencies reported within the tables may or may not add to the totals vertically and/or horizontally.

As an aid to readers, most figures displaying survey data contain a reference to the table from which the data was drawn. Figures that do not have a reference are the result of a special computer run using the survey data base. In addition, not every table has a corresponding figure since a pictorial display of data may not always be meaningful. Charts in the trends section do not contain references because the raw data for many of them comes from sources other than tables in this publication.

## RELIABILITY OF THE DATA

Since the information presented in the tables was based on a sample, it may differ somewhat from figures that would have been obtained if a complete census had been taken. Comparison of sample data with available actual data and with data from comparable prior studies shows the information to be quite reliable. **However, as with all sample data, care should be exercised in the interpretation of figures when based on a relatively small number of cases.**

Sample data represent a "snapshot" of the characteristics of families who received AFDC during the study month. As such, the overall picture of the population of AFDC recipients may be distorted due to the exclusion of people who receive assistance for a short period of time.

As a matter of standard procedure, the AFDC surveys are based upon a random sample selection process that yields first level data with a confidence level of 95 percent and a precision of plus or minus 4 percent.

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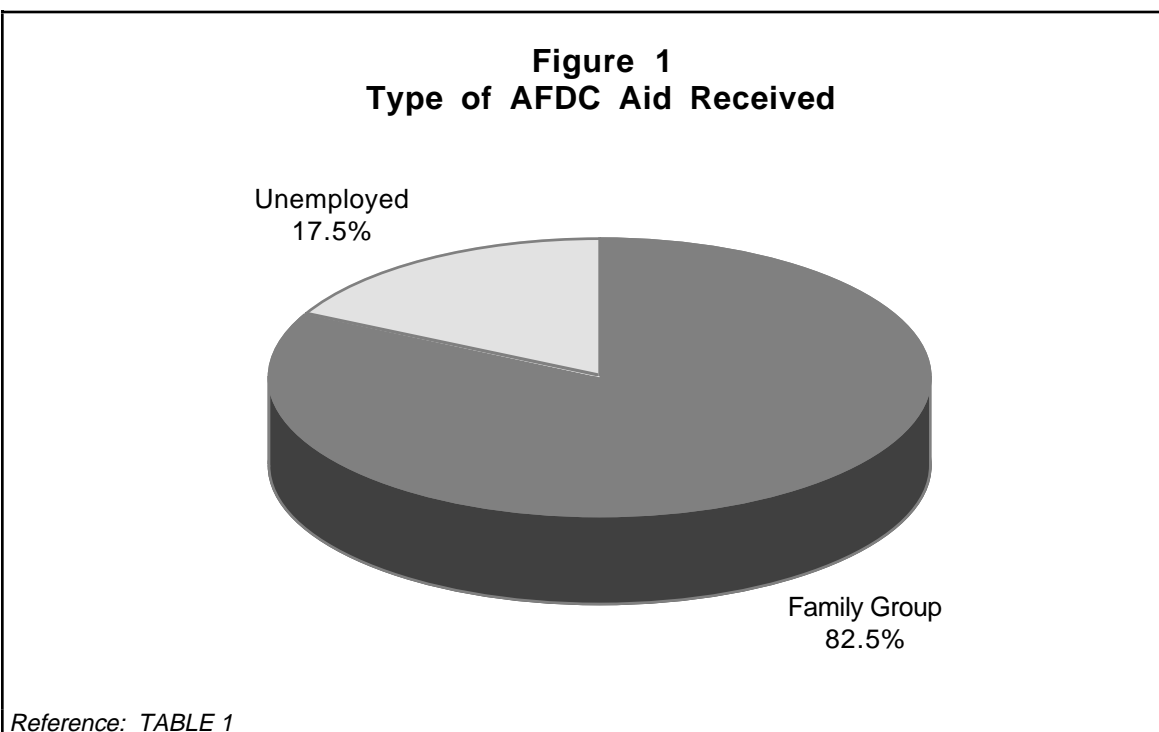
## RECIPIENT PROFILES

### INTRODUCTION

The AFDC population has a wide range of demographic and economic characteristics. This section profiles some of the characteristics found within AFDC families. A more complete discussion of characteristics, as a result of this survey, is presented in the Survey Findings section. A comprehensive comparison containing ten year trend charts can be found in the Trends section.

AFDC families fall into two categories: families in which one parent is permanently absent from the home (the FG category) and two-parent families in which the primary wage earner is unemployed (the U category). An FG case can also consist of an incapacitated parent(s) or a parent(s) ineligible for AFDC (i.e., Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) recipient or an undocumented alien parent). In both categories the income of the family is insufficient to meet their basic needs.

The typical AFDC family falls into the FG category. During October 1995 there were 746,051 FG cases which represented 82.5 percent of the total AFDC caseload and 158,604 U cases, representing 17.5 percent of the total AFDC caseload (Figure 1).



## AFDC FAMILY GROUP PROFILE

An AFDC-FG case usually consists of a mother and one child. Eligibility is based on the continued absence or incapacitation of the child's father. Continued absence could be due to never having been married to, or divorce or separation from, the mother. Cases in which the father is absent due to death, deportation, incarceration, institutionalization, or incapacitation represent a minority of the cases with an absent father.

These are some of the typical FG case characteristics:

Primary basis of deprivation:	Absent parent
Case composition:	Mother and one child
Age of mother:	30-34 years
Age of child:	One year
Citizenship status:	United States citizens
AFDC grant:	\$400 to \$499 per month

## AFDC UNEMPLOYED PROFILE

An AFDC-U case typically consists of a mother, father, and two children. Eligibility is based on the unemployment of the primary wage earner. Unemployment for applicants is defined as not working or working less than 100 hours per month. However, the 100 hour rule is waived for recipients. This will allow them to work more and still be eligible for aid depending on their total income and family size. Additional conditions of eligibility require the parent to be registered for work, to be available for employment, and to seek employment. The principal wage earner is whichever parent had more earnings in the 24-month period ending with the month prior to the application month. The parent must also establish a connection with the labor force. Pursuant to Section 41-440.4 of the Eligibility and Assistance Standards (EAS) manual, "He/she must have worked and earned a gross of at least \$50.00 during a quarter in six calendar quarters within any 13 quarter period which ends within one year before the quarter of application."

The following are typical U case characteristics:

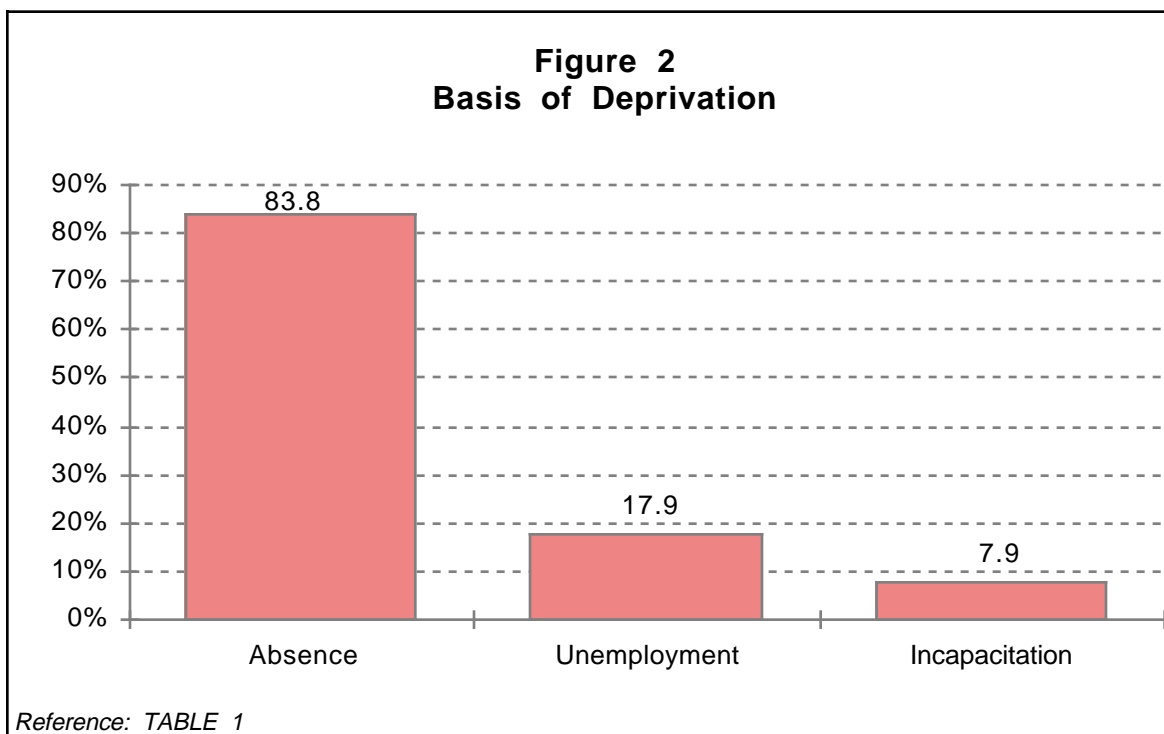
Primary basis of deprivation:	Unemployed father
Case composition:	Mother, father, and two children
Age of mother:	25-29 years
Age of father:	35-39 years
Ages of children:	Two years and four years
Citizenship status:	United States citizens
AFDC grant:	\$700 to \$799 per month

## SURVEY FINDINGS

### BASIS OF DEPRIVATION

Eligibility to receive AFDC benefits is based on the family's income and is limited to those needy families in which the children are deprived of parental support and care due to one or both parents' absence, incapacitation, or, in two-parent families, unemployment of the principal wage earner.

During the study month of October 1995, deprivation for 76.3 percent of the total cases was based on the continuing absence of a parent. In Figure 2, absence includes death, incarceration and institutionalization, bringing the total to 83.8 percent.



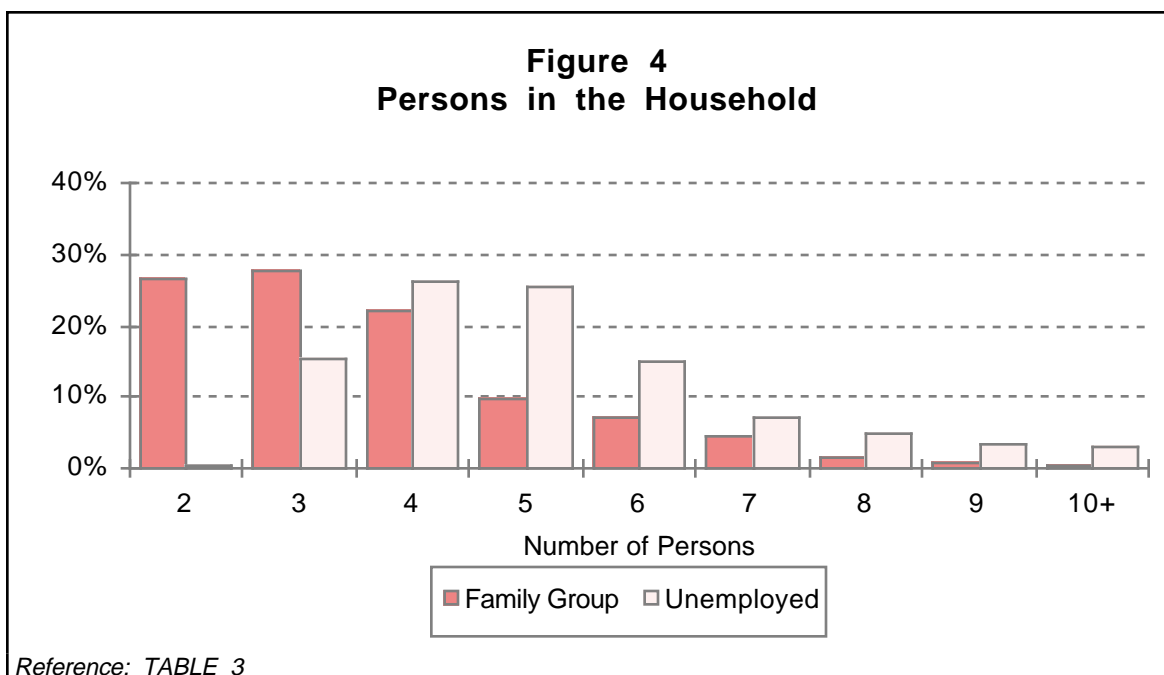
Although the primary basis of deprivation is an absent parent in an FG case and unemployment in a U case, the sum of the percentages exceeds 100 percent because a case may actually have more than one basis of deprivation. For example, the father of one child in the case may be deceased and the mother of the other child in the same case may be incapacitated.

In most of the cases surveyed, the mother was the head of the household and the father was absent. Figure 3 displays the basis of deprivation for each person who is the head of the household in single-parent families.

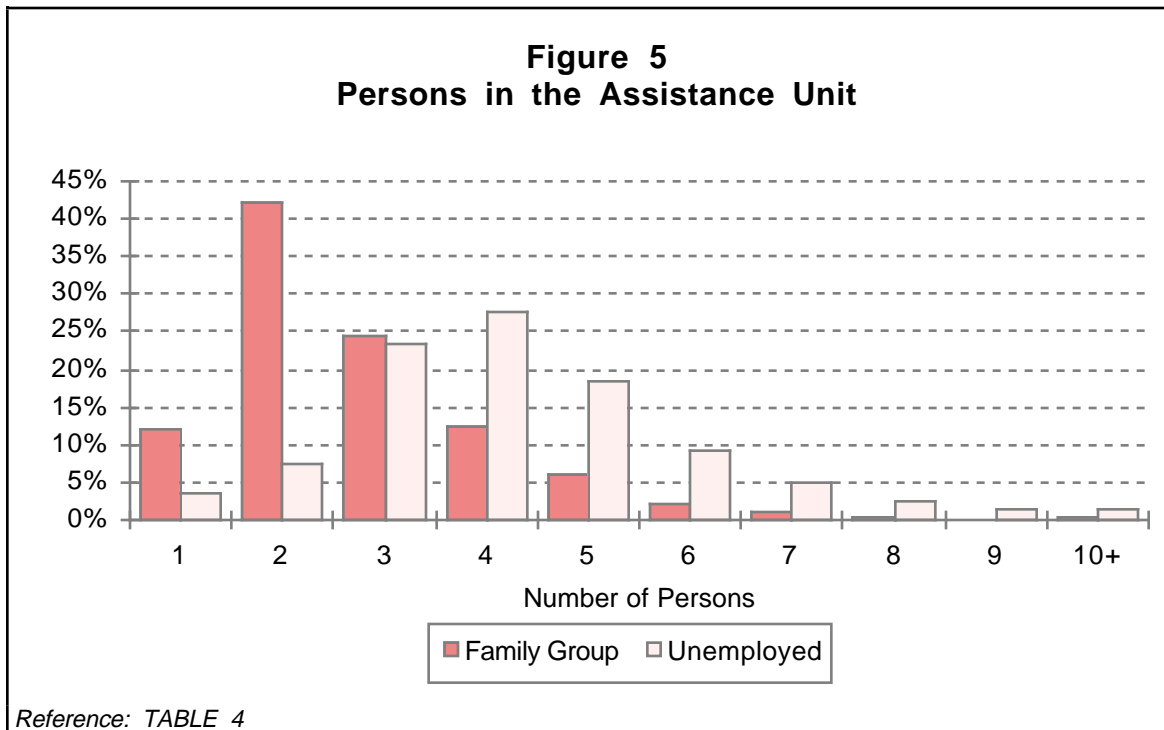
<b>Figure 3</b> <b>Head of Household by Basis of Deprivation</b> <b>In Single-Parent Families</b>			
HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD	DEPRIVATION		
	ABSENCE OF A PARENT	UNEMPLOYED	INCAP.
MOTHER	80.5%	1.8%	3.4%
FATHER	4.2%	0.8%	1.1%
OTHER RELATIVE IN THE AU	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%
NONNEEDY CARETAKER RELATIVE	6.1%	0.0%	0.8%

### HOUSEHOLD AND ASSISTANCE UNIT COMPOSITION

The average number of persons in an AFDC household during the study month was 3.9. "Household" is defined as all the persons who occupy the same dwelling unit (Figure 4). A household may include people who are not in the AU.



An AU consists only of those persons who receive an AFDC grant (Figure 5). The average number of persons in an AFDC AU was 3.0.

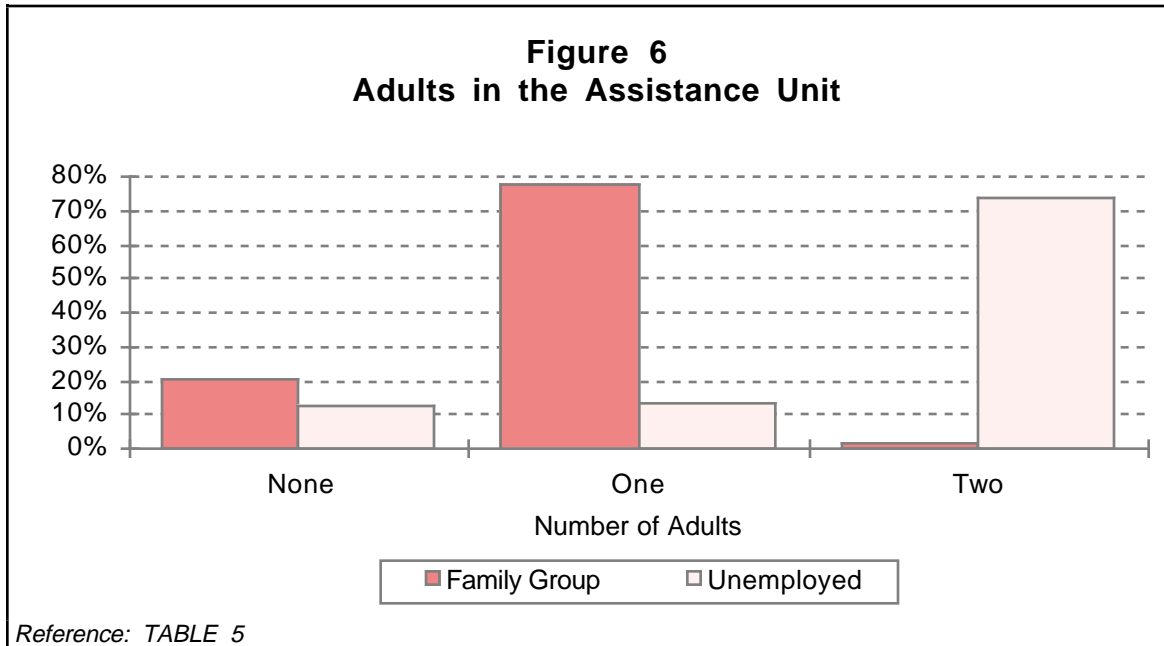


In 11.9 percent of the FG cases and 3.6 percent of the U cases, there was only one person in the AU. This situation can occur when:

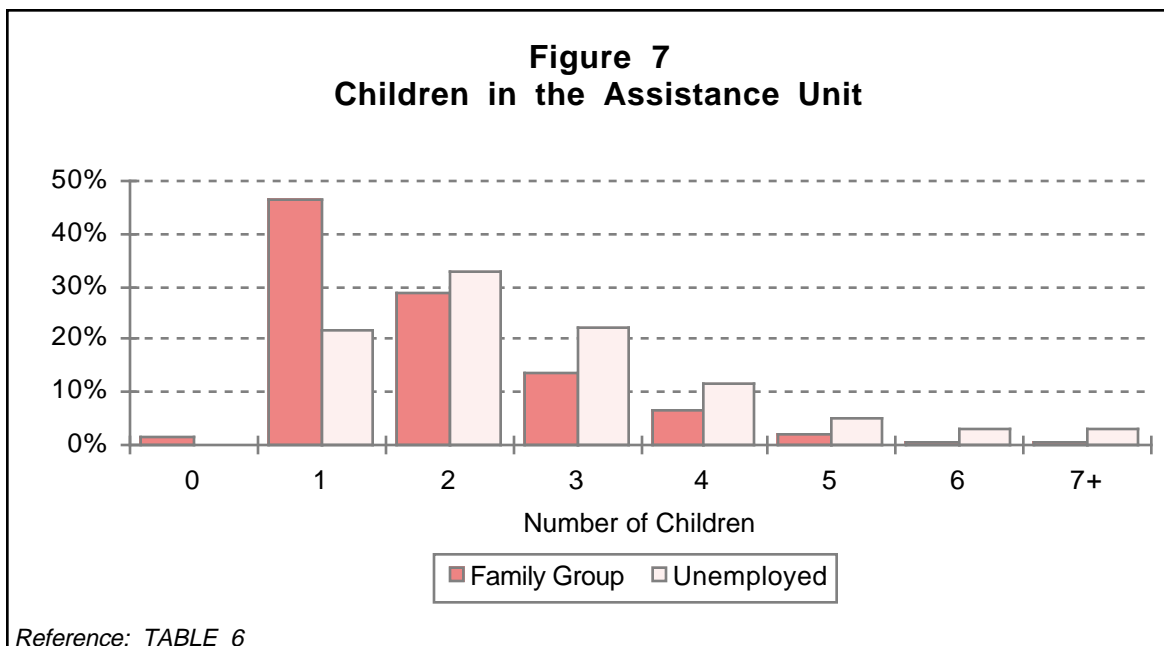
- 1) a child is aided but his/her parents are excluded because they are ineligible aliens or they have been sanctioned;
- 2) the child lives with a nonneedy caretaker relative;
- 3) the mother is pregnant with no other children; or
- 4) a child or a parent is aided under SSI/SSP. The SSI/SSP program provides benefits to aged, blind, and disabled persons. A child can be an SSI/SSP recipient and can also qualify his/her family for AFDC benefits. Although the child does not receive AFDC, his/her parent qualifies to receive a grant for one person.

The average number of adults in an AFDC AU was 1.2 (1.0 for FG cases and 1.8 for U cases) (Figure 6 on the next page). In 19.2 percent of the FG/U cases there were no adults in the AU. This situation can occur when:

- 1) an aided child is living with his/her parents who have been excluded from the AU because they are ineligible aliens or they have been sanctioned;
- 2) an aided child is living with a nonneedy caretaker relative; or
- 3) the child receives AFDC but the parent is aided under the SSI/SSP program.



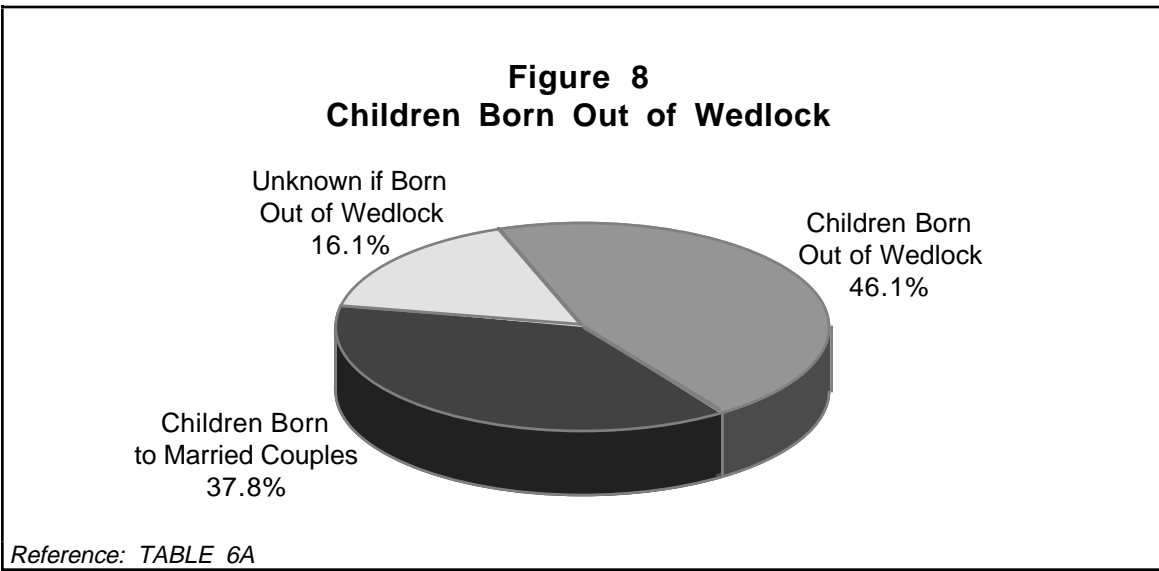
The average number of children in an AFDC AU was 2.1 (1.9 for FG cases and 2.7 for the U cases) (Figure 7). An AU may have no children for one of two reasons: (1) the mother is pregnant and has no other children or, (2) the child is aided under the SSI/SSP program. This situation occurred in 1.1 percent of the FG/U cases.





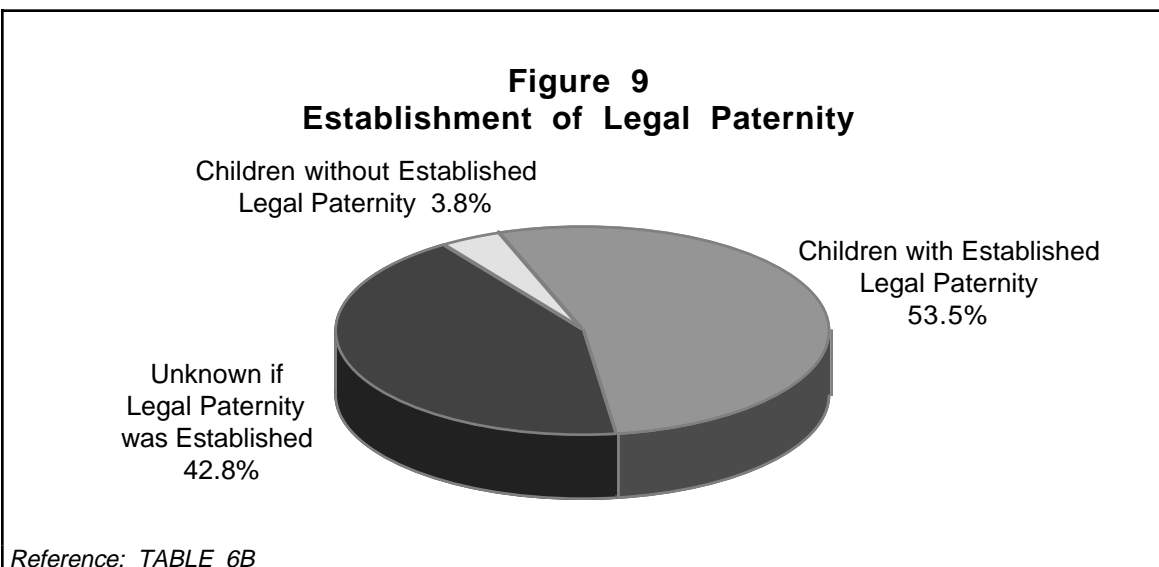
### CHILDREN BORN OUT OF WEDLOCK

As the following chart shows, almost half of the children receiving AFDC benefits were born when their mother was unmarried. That number could be higher since the marital status of the mother at the time of birth of the child was not available for 16.1 percent of the children. The 46.1 percent of children born out of wedlock is the number for all AFDC children and it equates to 52.3 percent of FG children and 24.0 percent of U children.



### ESTABLISHMENT OF LEGAL PATERNITY

The chart below shows that legal paternity has been established for 53.5 percent of all AFDC children (47.7 percent for FG children and 73.6 percent for U children). If the mother is unmarried at the time of birth, a court order is needed to establish paternity. The case records were incomplete for 42.8 percent of children.

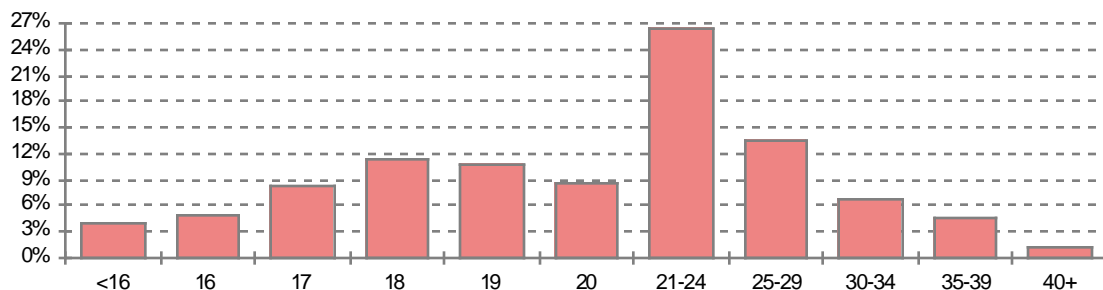


## AGE

The average age of the father in an AFDC AU was 37.3 years; the average age of the mother was 31.2 years; and children averaged 7.3 years. The age of children in a typical AU as seen on page seven is different than the average age of children. The typical age of a child is the age group in which the largest amount of children fall. The average age of children is the mean age of all children combined (*Reference : TABLES 7, 8 and 9*).

Figure 10 shows that most mothers (26 percent) were between the age of 21 and 24 years old when the oldest child in the AU was born. However, in 28 percent of the cases, mothers currently on aid were **teens** (aged 18 or younger) when their oldest child was born. Please refer to Table 8 for the current number of **teen** mothers (2.4 percent). The oldest child in the AU is not necessarily the mother's first-born child. Additionally, it is possible that the oldest child in the AU is not the mother's natural child; i.e., the child could be a sibling, niece, nephew, or step child. This survey did not capture information on children who are not members of the AU. The most common situations in which a child is not a member of the AU occur when the child is an emancipated minor or the child reaches 19 years of age and is no longer eligible to receive AFDC as a child.

**Figure 10**  
**Age of Mother at Birth of**  
**Oldest Child in the Assistance Unit**



*Reference: TABLE 8A*

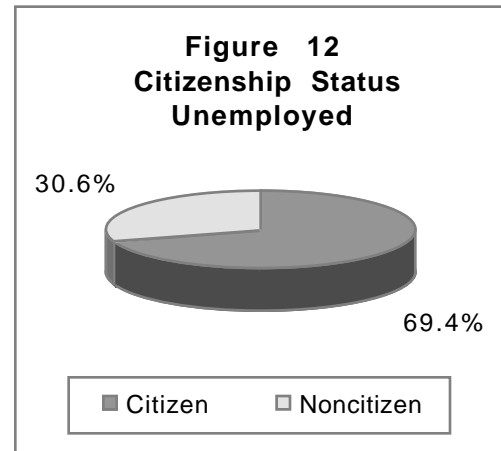
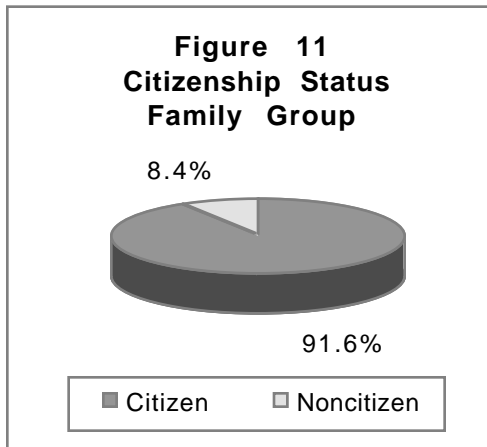
## MARITAL STATUS

In 7.6 percent of the cases there was no mother in the home; in 17.6 percent of cases there was no mother in the AU but she was living in the home; and in 74.7 percent of cases, the mother was in the AU. The marital status of the largest percent of mothers in the home, both in the AU and not in the AU, is never married (*Reference : TABLES 15 and 15A*).

In 70.3 percent of the cases there was no father in the home; in 10.4 percent of cases there was no father in the AU but he was in the home; and in 19.4 percent of cases, the father was in the AU. In contrast to the never married status of the majority of mothers, the marital status of the largest percent of fathers in the home, both in the AU and not in the AU, is married (*Reference: TABLES 16 and 16A*).

## CITIZENSHIP

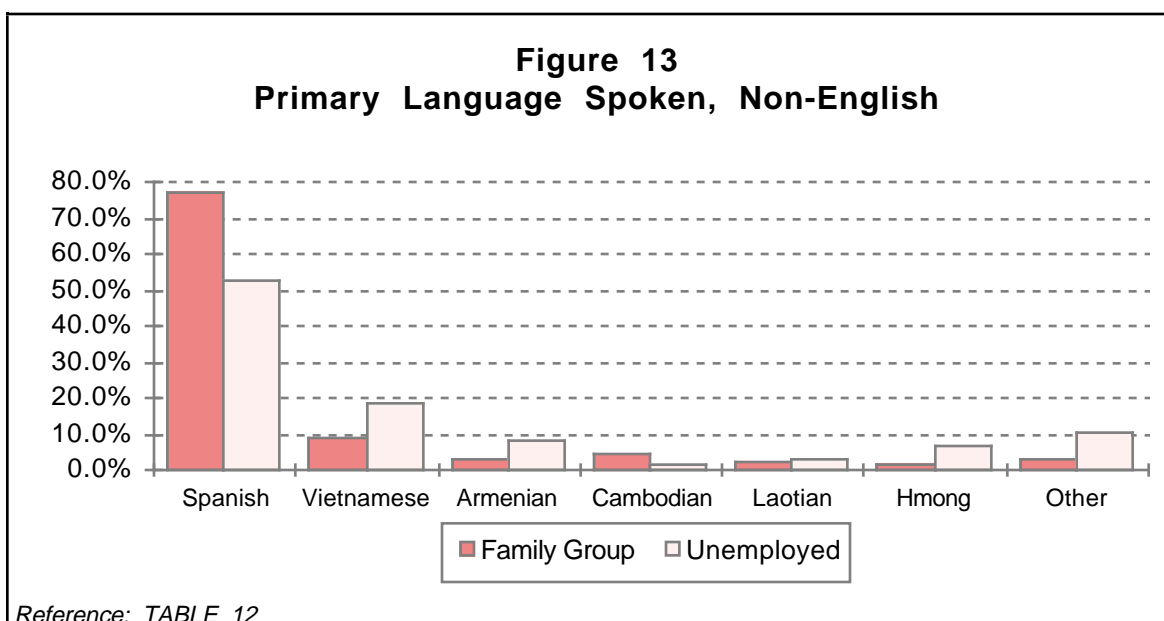
In October 1995, 86.2 percent of the FG/U recipients were citizens of the United States. In the FG caseload 8.4 percent were eligible noncitizens while 30.6 percent were eligible noncitizens in the U caseload (Figures 11 and 12). Examples of eligible noncitizens are legal immigrants, refugees, and sponsored aliens.



Reference: TABLE 10

## PRIMARY LANGUAGE

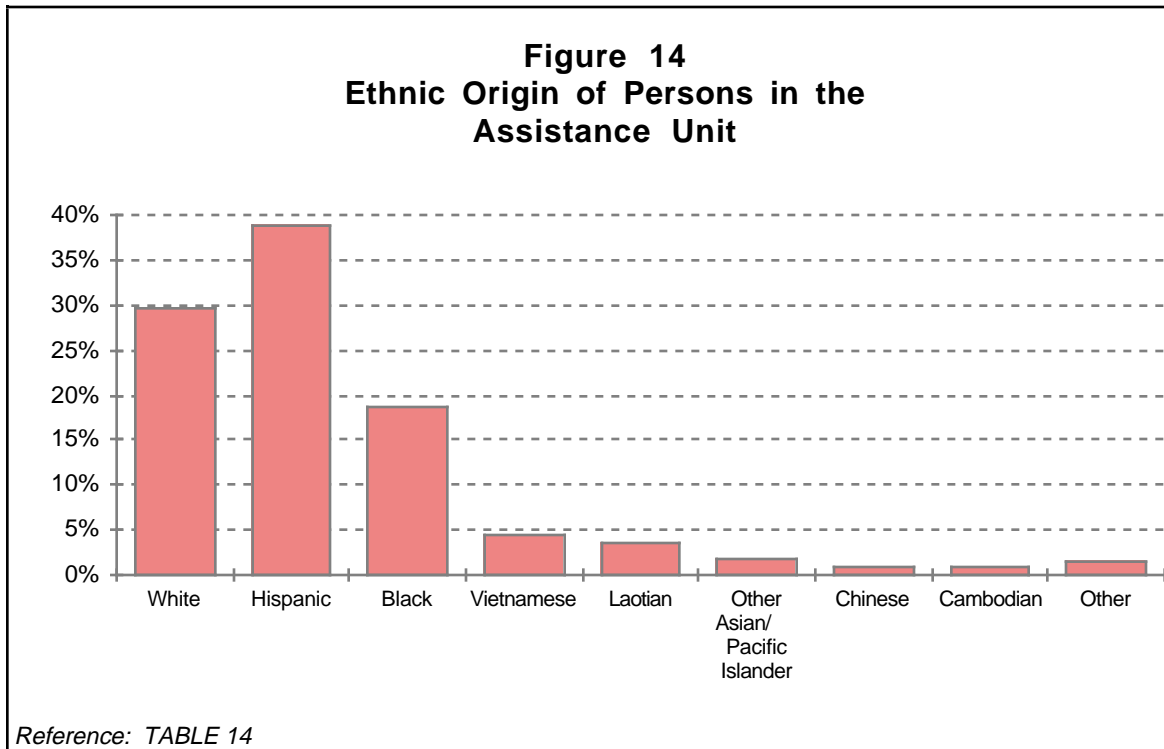
The primary language spoken by the payee in the case was English in 69.1 percent of the cases. The chart below reflects the primary languages spoken by persons in the 30.9 percent of non-English speaking cases. In these cases where the payee's primary language is not English, persons in 66.4 percent of the cases (20.5 percent of total AFDC cases) are unable to speak English (Reference : TABLE 13).



Reference: TABLE 12

## ETHNIC ORIGIN

The ethnicity of all persons in the assistance unit is displayed in Figure 14. The "other" category includes persons of American Indian, Filipino, Asian Indian, Korean, Hawaiian and Guamanian origins.



## FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY

In the survey month, 99.8 percent of both the FG recipients and the U recipients were federally eligible. Nonfederally eligible recipients include those receiving Reduced Income Supplemental Payments (RISP) and women in the first two trimesters of pregnancy. Federal eligibility is extended to people in the following three categories:

- (1) **Children:** Needy children who have a parent who is absent, or is incapacitated, or is unemployed.
- (2) **Adults:** The caretaker relative of a child who is eligible under category 1 above; the second parent of a child who is eligible under category 1 when the other parent is unemployed or incapacitated; the spouse of an incapacitated caretaker relative when the caretaker relative is the parent of a child who is eligible under category 1.
- (3) **Pregnant women:** A pregnant woman who has no federally eligible children and has provided medical verification of her pregnancy; the pregnancy is in the third trimester; and the child, when born, is eligible under category 1 above.

Fewer than 1 percent of the recipients were federally eligible essential persons. An essential person is a stepparent who is not otherwise federally eligible and who is related to a federally eligible child under category 1 (*Reference: Table 11*).

## BASIC GRANT

An AU's grant is based on the Minimum Basic Standard of Adequate Care (MBSAC) and the Maximum Aid Payment (MAP). Both the MBSAC and the MAP levels are specified in the Welfare and Institutions Code and vary by AU size (Figure 15).

<b>Figure 15</b> <b>MBSAC and MAP Amounts</b> <b>In Effect October 1995</b>		
AU SIZE	MBSAC	MAP
1	\$358	\$299
2	\$588	\$490
3	\$730	\$607
4	\$866	\$723
5	\$988	\$824
6	\$1,111	\$926
7	\$1,220	\$1,017
8	\$1,329	\$1,108
9	\$1,441	\$1,197
10+	\$1,565	\$1,286
* For MBSAC add \$14 for each additional person.		

The following process is used to compute the actual grant amount:

1. Determine the MBSAC based on AU size.
2. Add any special needs payment amounts to the MBSAC.
3. Subtract the net nonexempt income amount from the MBSAC plus special needs amount. The result is the potential grant.
4. Determine the MAP based on AU size.
5. Add any special needs payment to the MAP.
6. The actual grant amount is the lesser of the potential grant amount or the sum of the MAP plus special needs.

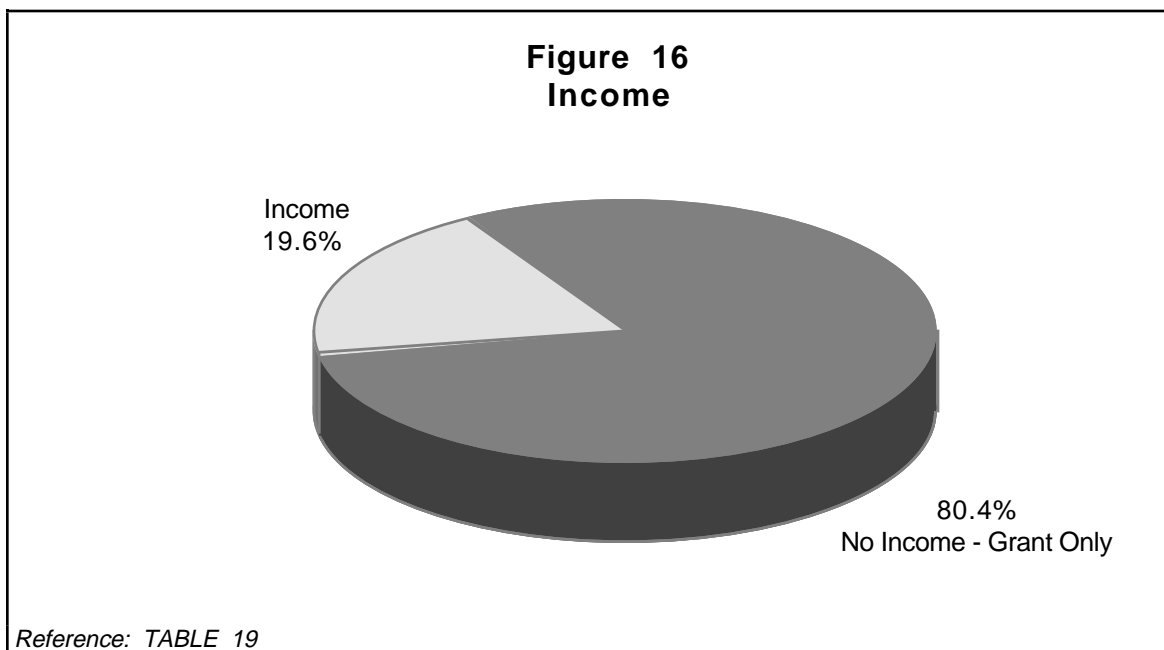
In October 1995, the average AFDC grant (before the addition of special needs) was \$562. The FG amount was \$540 and the U amount, which reflects a larger average number of persons in the AU, was \$665 (*Reference: TABLE 17*).

## SPECIAL NEEDS

A special need is a need not common to a majority of recipients for certain goods or services which are essential for their support. Special need allowances are granted to an AU for (1) pregnancy, (2) non recurring needs, and (3) recurring needs (Non recurring special need payments for Homeless Assistance are not included). During October 1995 only 2.9 percent of the AUs received a special need payment for needs other than assistance. The average payment was \$48 (*Reference: TABLE 18*).

## INCOME

Income from sources other than the AFDC grant was present in 19.6 percent of the cases (Figure 16).

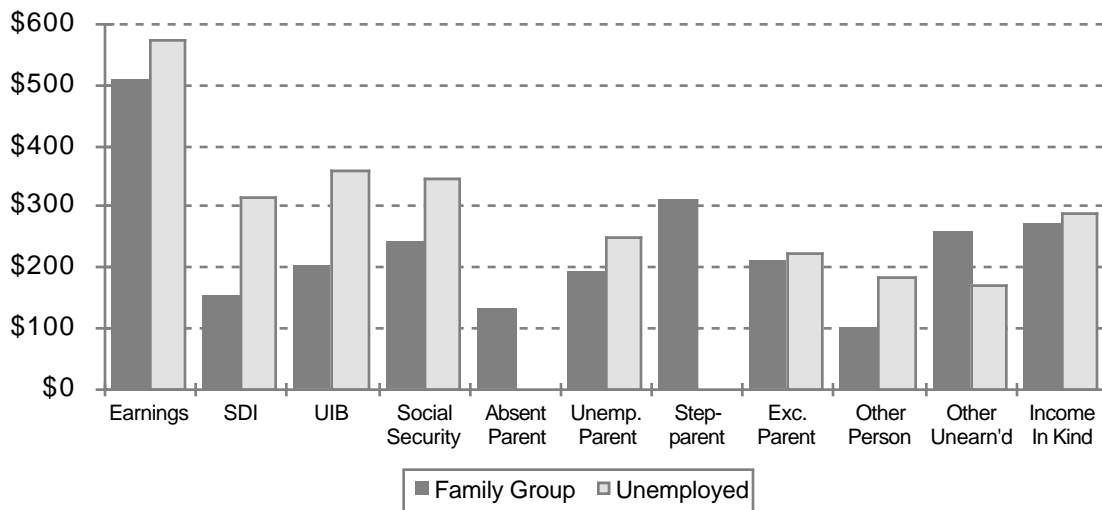


For cases with income, the average amount, which comes from sources including earnings, Worker's Compensation, State Disability Insurance (SDI), Unemployment Insurance Benefits (UIB), social security, and absent parent support, was \$461 (*Reference: TABLE 19A*).

It should be noted that current child support that is paid directly to the client and not forwarded to the District Attorney's Office is counted as unearned income to the AU. Current support forwarded to the District Attorney's Office is retained and used to offset the cost of the monthly AFDC grant after the AU gets a disregard payment of up to \$50.

The most common source of income was earnings. Approximately 9.6 percent of all FG cases (62.1 percent of cases with income) and 31.2 percent of all U cases (79.7 percent of cases with income) had earned income during October 1995. For cases with earned income, the average monthly earnings per case were \$508 and \$573, respectively (see Figure 17 on the next page).

**Figure 17**  
**Average Amount of Nonassistance Income by Source**



Reference: TABLE 19A

In 12.2 percent of the cases, income disregards were allowed. In almost all of these cases, standard work experience and \$30 and 1/3 exemptions were claimed (Reference : TABLE 21).

## EMPLOYMENT

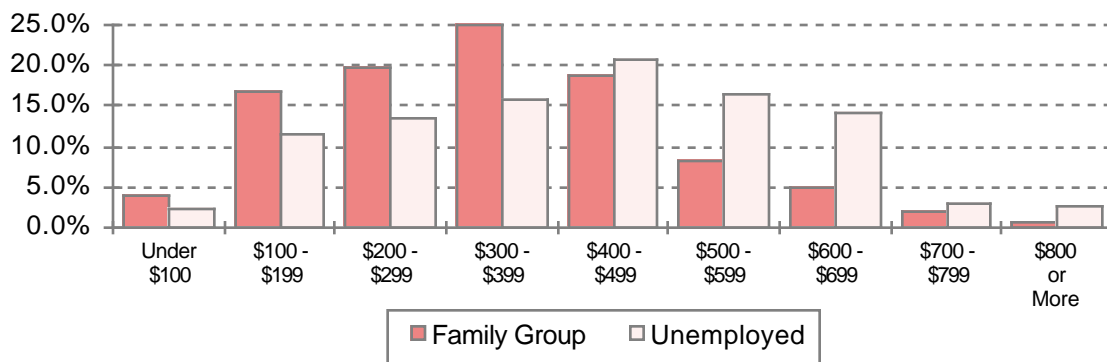
In 6.0 percent of the cases, a person in the AU held two or more jobs either consecutively or concurrently within the two years prior to the survey month. In 16.5 percent of the cases it was unknown if two or more jobs was held by anyone in the AU. In the remaining 77.5 percent of cases, no one in the AU held two or more jobs in the past two years (Reference: TABLE 22).

There was a self-employed person in 1.6 percent of the cases and, in 95.2 percent of the cases, there was no one self-employed. It was unknown if anyone in the AU was self-employed in 3.1 percent of the cases. Of the self-employed persons, most earned between \$200 and \$299 per month (Reference: TABLES 23 and 23A).

## HOUSING

At least 85.2 percent of cases made a rent or mortgage payment during the month. A governmental rent or housing subsidy was received through the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) program, a local housing agency or from Section 8 provisions in only 5.3 percent of these cases. No subsidy was received in 75.3 percent of the cases and in 19.4 percent of the cases it was unknown if a subsidy was received. The average monthly rent was \$347.

**Figure 18**  
**Amount of Rent or Mortgage Payments**

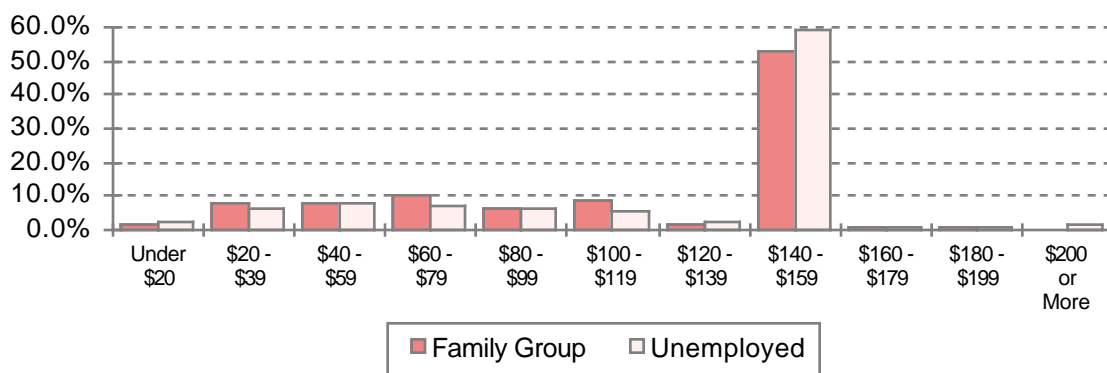


Reference: TABLE 24A

## UTILITIES

In at least 34.6 percent of cases, no utility costs, such as electricity, gas, telephone, water, garbage, or sewer were paid during the month. It was unknown if utility costs were paid in 15.0 percent of the cases. Utility cost were paid in 50.4 percent of the cases. The average monthly utility payment was \$114 although in most cases, the payment fell between \$140 and \$159.

**Figure 19**  
**Utility Payments**

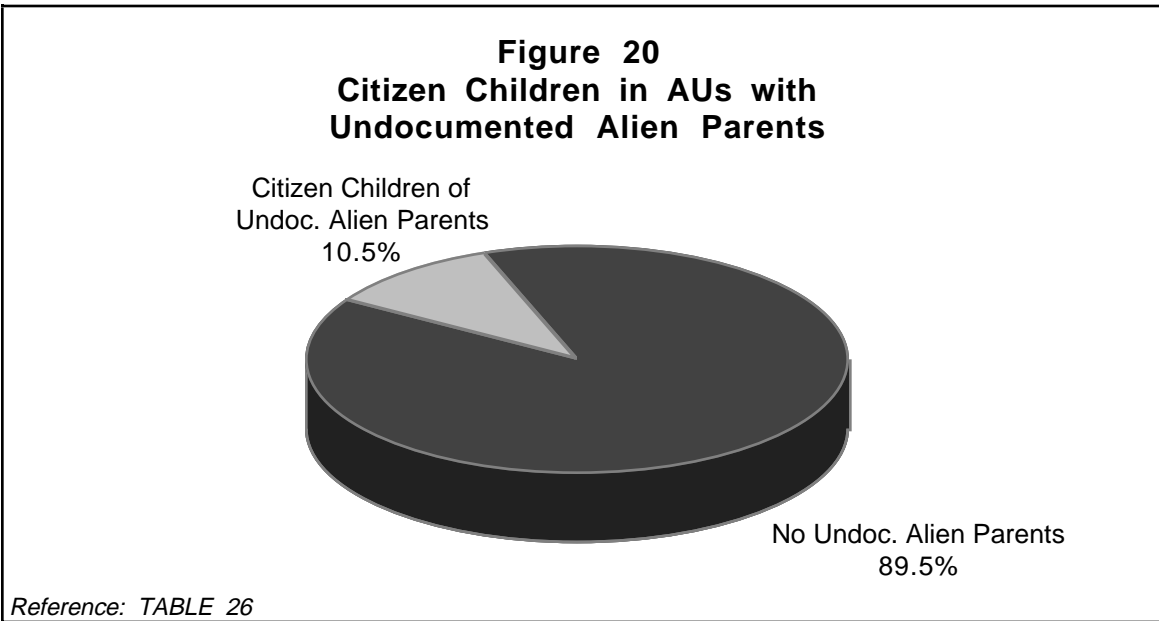


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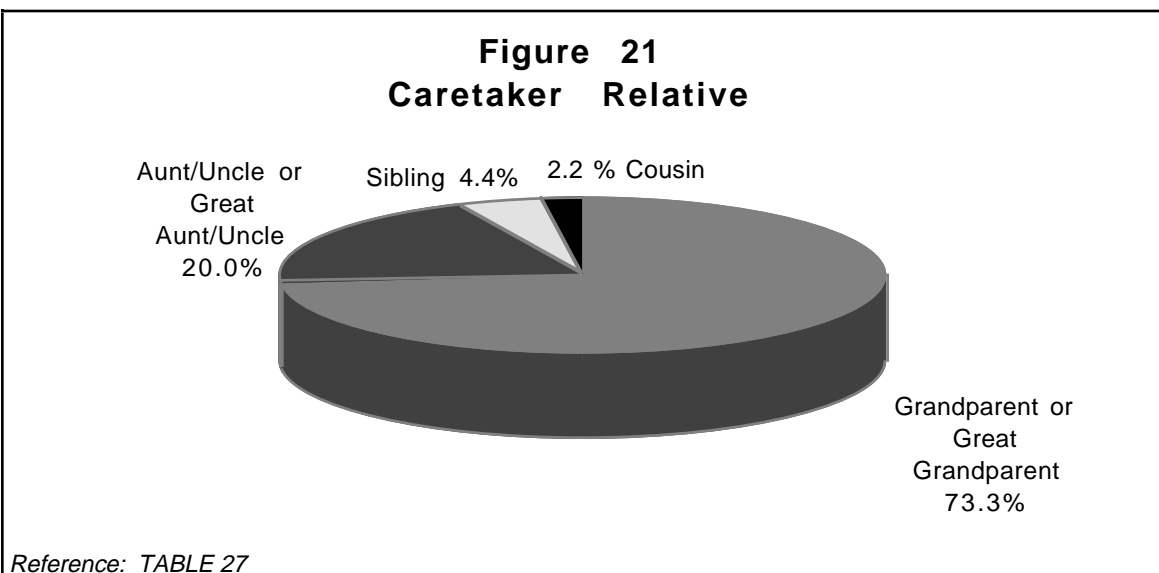
## CITIZEN CHILDREN OF UNDOCUMENTED ALIEN PARENTS

In 89.5 percent of the AUs, there were no undocumented alien parents identified. In 10.5 percent of the AUs where children lived with undocumented alien parents, the average number of children in each AU was 2.0.



## CARETAKER RELATIVE

In 5.6 percent of the cases surveyed, a caretaker relative was the responsible adult. All caretaker relatives were in FG cases and in 73.3 percent of them, the relative was the child's grandparent or great grandparent. In the majority of the cases, only one child was in the home and that child was a dependent of the court rather than a ward of the court.



## CHILD CARE

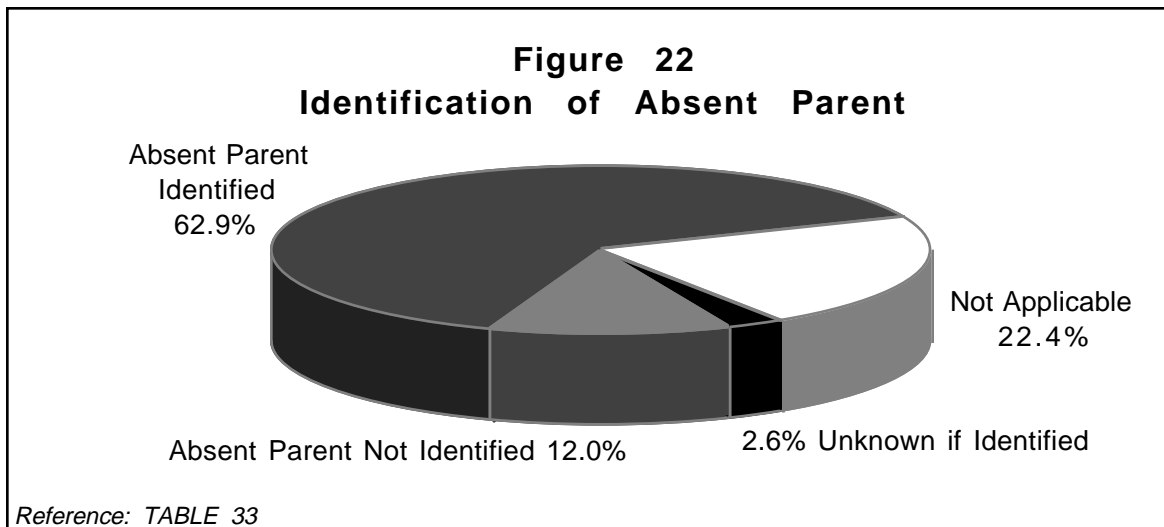
Child care costs were paid in 3.1 percent of the cases and it was unknown if child care costs were paid in 3.0 percent of the cases. Therefore, the parent(s) stayed home to care for their children or they received free child care in 93.9 percent of the cases (*Reference : TABLE 29*).

## TEEN PARENT

In October 1995, only .8 percent of the 2,647,697 persons on aid was a minor parent (under 19 years of age) who lived as head of household with his/her dependent child(ren). The gender breakdown shows 21,021 cases contained a female teen parent and 471 cases contained a male teen parent. Of the 21,492 teen parents on AFDC, 8,895 are currently attending school and 3,336 have graduated from high school (*Reference : TABLES 30, 31 and 32*).

## IDENTIFICATION OF ABSENT PARENT

The following is a display of responses regarding the identification of an absent parent. It shows that in the majority of cases, 62.9 percent, the absent parent was identified. In 12.0 percent of the cases, the absent parent who is the father in most cases, was not identified.



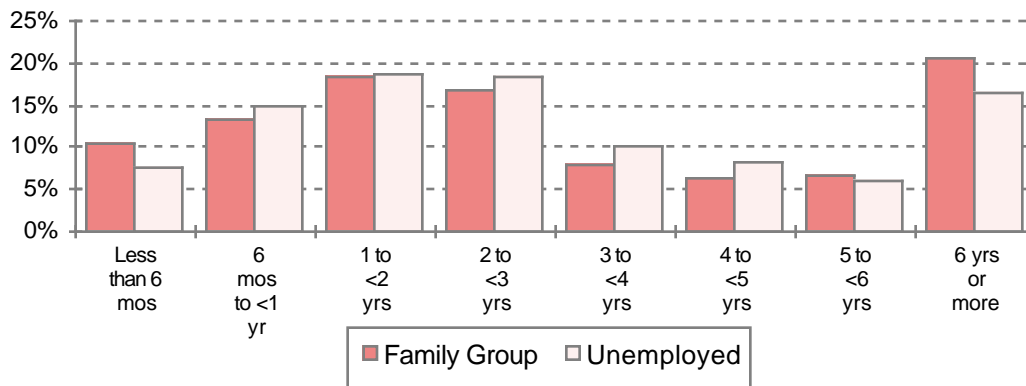
## ABSENT PARENT INFORMATION

At the time of the most recent application for AFDC, the person applying for aid is requested to provide additional information on the absent parent(s) of the child(ren) to be aided. This information is used in an attempt to secure child support for the child(ren). The piece of information most often provided was the date of birth at 4.7 percent of total cases. Additional information was not provided in 93.2 percent of total cases. In some of these cases both parents were in the home, one parent is deceased, the mother was pregnant and had no other children or the absent parent was identified (*Reference : TABLE 34*).

### TIME ON AID SINCE THE MOST RECENT CASE OPENING

The median number of months that an AU received aid for the most recent AFDC approval was 29 months for total cases, 29 for FG cases and 29 for U cases. A total of 26.1 percent of the cases have been on aid for more than five years since the most recent case opening, 27.1 percent FG and 22.4 percent U.

**Figure 23**  
**Time on Aid Since Most Recent Application**

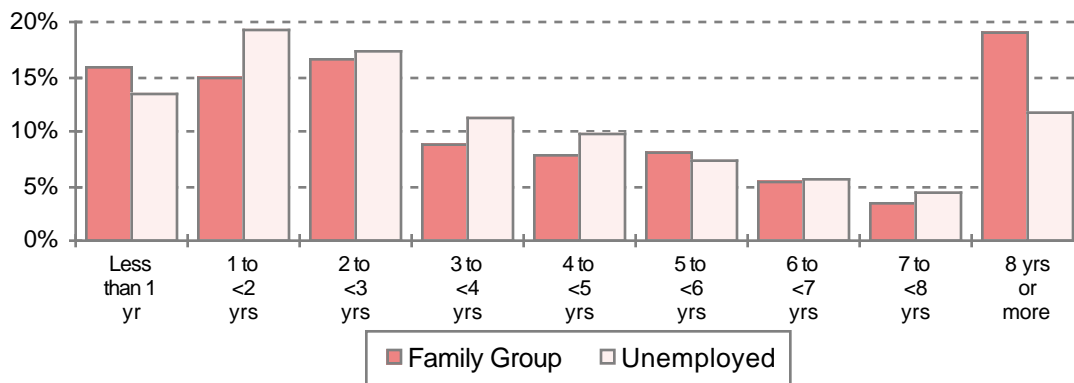


Reference: TABLE 35

### TOTAL TIME ON AID

The median number of months that an AU received aid including prior case openings was 39 months, 39 months for FG and 35 months for U. A total of 34.7 percent of the cases have been on aid for more than five years, 36.1 percent FG and 29.0 percent U. The total time on aid may or may not include breaks in aid. The average number of instances on aid was 1.5 times (Reference: TABLE 37).

**Figure 24**  
**Total Time on Aid**



Reference: TABLE 36

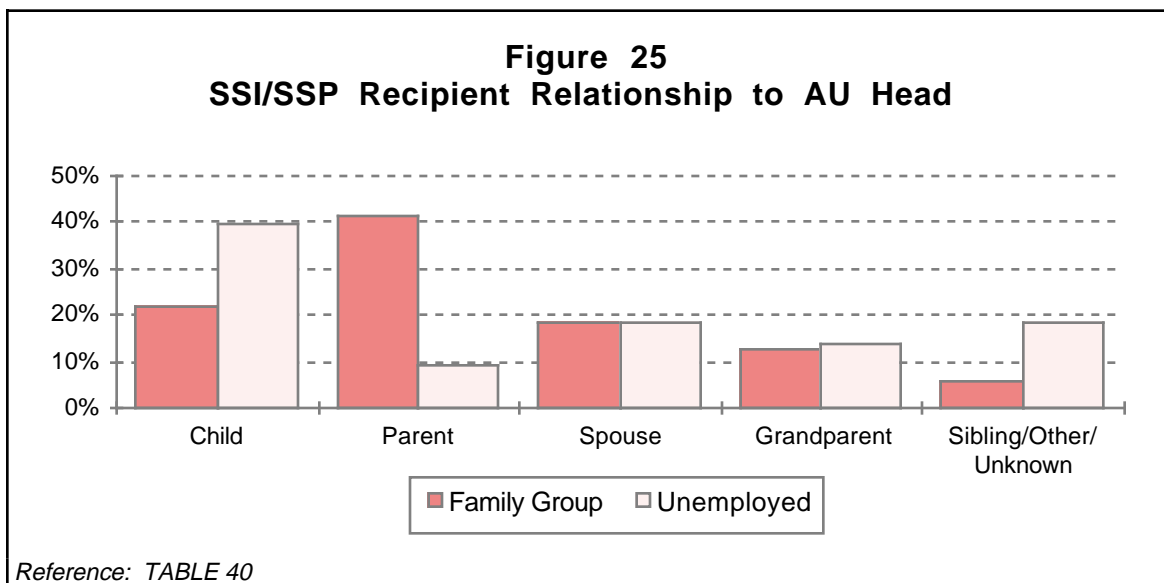
## RESIDENCY

Of the cases receiving aid in the survey month, 3.0 percent included at least one person who lived in another country within the past five years. Most of these people migrated from Vietnam, Mexico or Russia. It was unknown if anyone in the AU had lived in another country in 25.5 percent of the cases (*Reference: TABLE 38*).

Only 1.0 percent of the cases contained a person who lived in another state within the past twelve months. Texas was listed most often as the state of the previous residence. It was unknown if anyone in the AU had lived in another state in 15.0 percent of the cases (*Reference: TABLE 39*).

## SSI/SSP RECIPIENTS

An SSI/SSP recipient was a member of the AU household in 12.0 percent of the cases surveyed. In most FG cases, the recipient was a parent of the child(ren) in the case and in most U cases, the recipient was a child of the AU head (Figure 25). The number of adult SSI/SSP recipients totaled 9.8 percent of all cases and children totaled 2.9 percent of all cases (*Reference: TABLE 41*).



## HOMELESS ASSISTANCE

Of the total cases, only 1.0 percent received Homeless Assistance (HA) in the survey month. It was unknown if HA was requested or received in 4.6 percent of the cases and no homeless assistance was received in 94.4 percent of the cases surveyed. Because of a recent law change, homeless assistance is now a once in a lifetime benefit and will no longer be tracked on the AFDC Characteristics survey (*Reference: TABLE 42*).

## TRENDS

### INTRODUCTION

This section presents AFDC characteristics data and related California general population data over a ten-year period: 1986 through 1995. The data represent point-in-time characteristics of the population as of the study month, as opposed to annual averages. Whenever possible, we used the month of October for each year displayed. However, a study was not published for October 1990 so we substituted the next closest month in which a survey was performed -- January 1991.

In order to provide a complete analysis of trends, some of the data presented are taken from sources outside of the AFDC Characteristics Surveys. California population data are from the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. Minimum wage data are from the California Industrial Welfare Commission. The California Employment Development Department provided unemployment rate information.

### BASIS OF DEPRIVATION TRENDS

Chart 1 shows the growth of the California population over the past ten years. The number of California residents grew from 27 million in 1986 to almost 33 million in 1995, an increase of 22 percent.

Chart 1

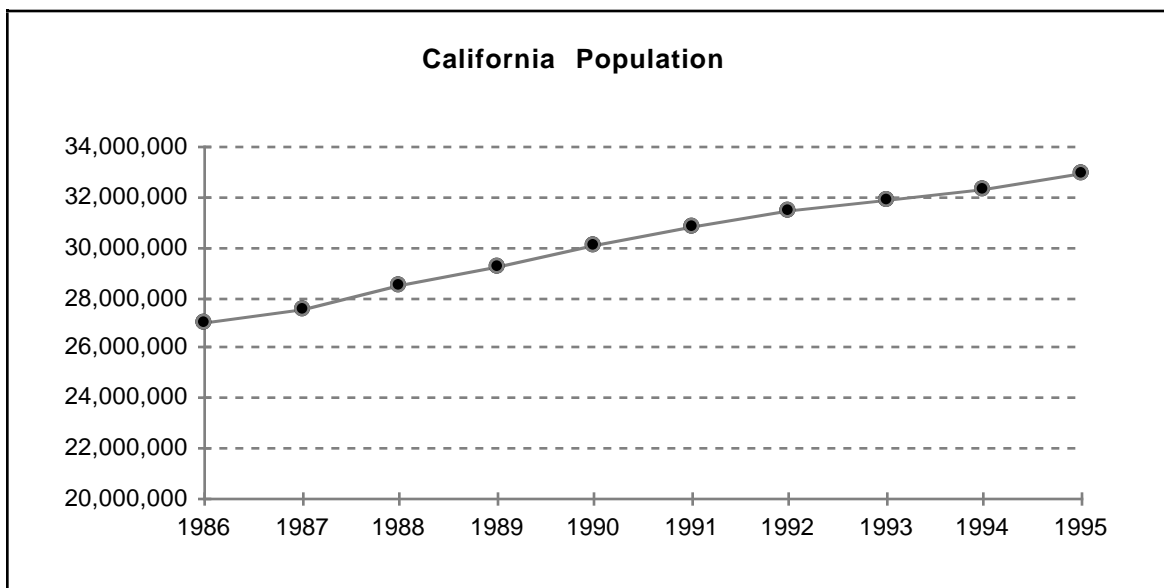
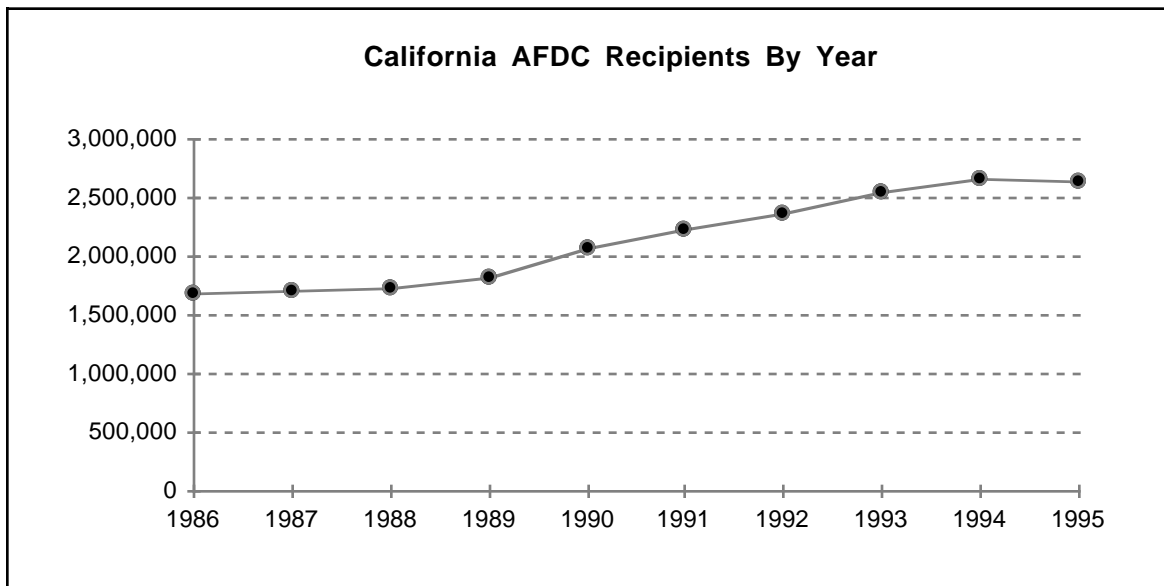


Chart 2 depicts a growth in the number of AFDC recipients in California during the past nine years. A slight drop occurred in 1995. Although the previous page shows that the California population grew by 22 percent in the past ten years, the number of AFDC recipients has increased by almost 60 percent during the same time period.

**Chart 2**



As shown in Chart 3, the percentage of the California population that receive AFDC has continued to increase from 6.1 percent in 1988 to 8.2 percent in 1994. A slight reduction to 8.0 percent occurred in 1995.

**Chart 3**

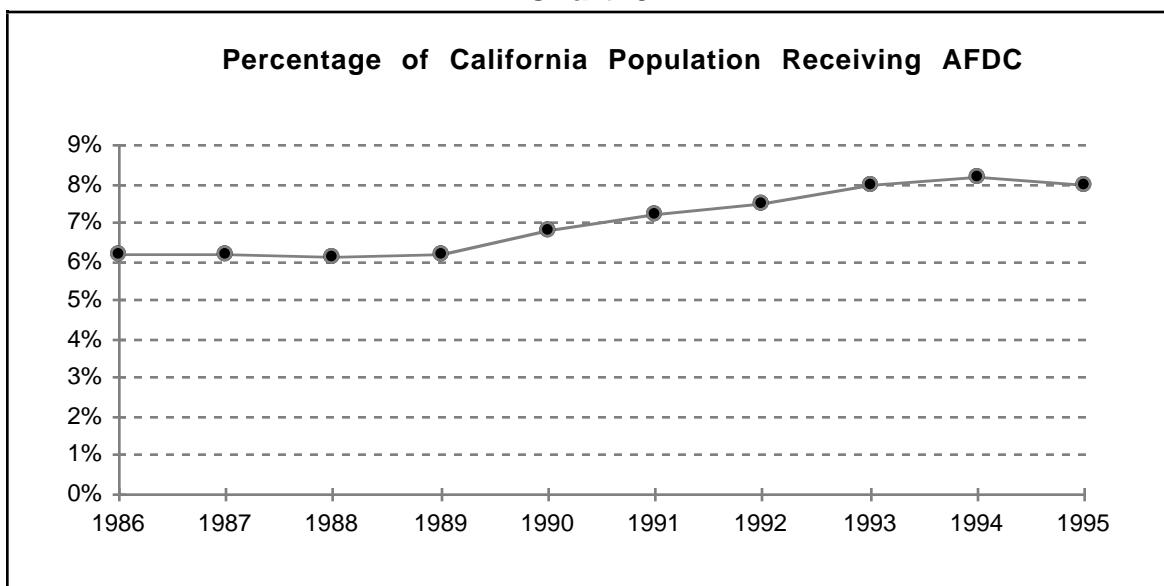
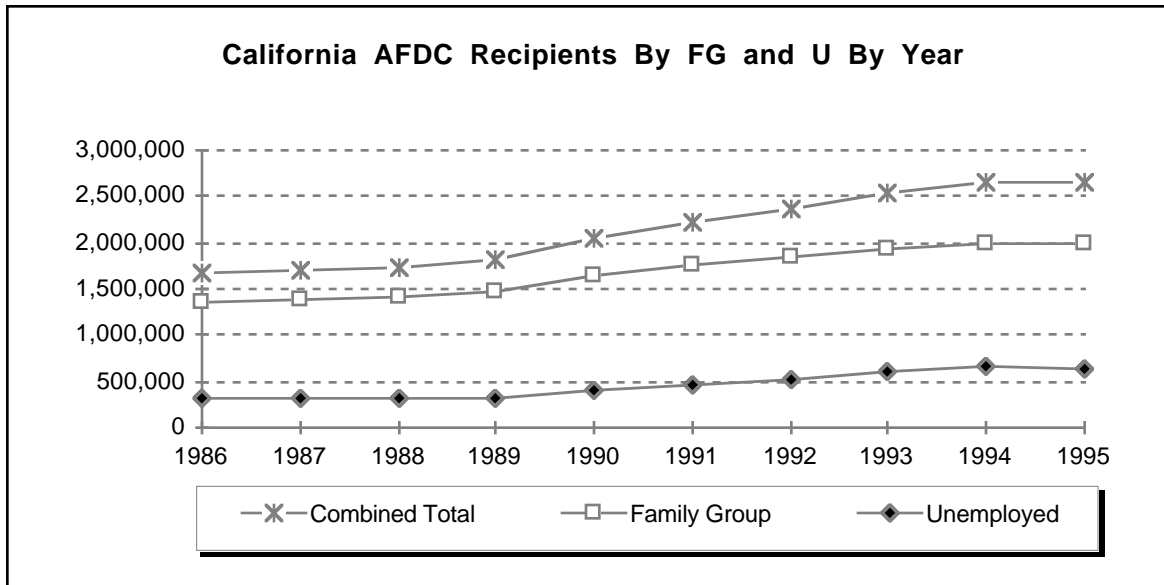


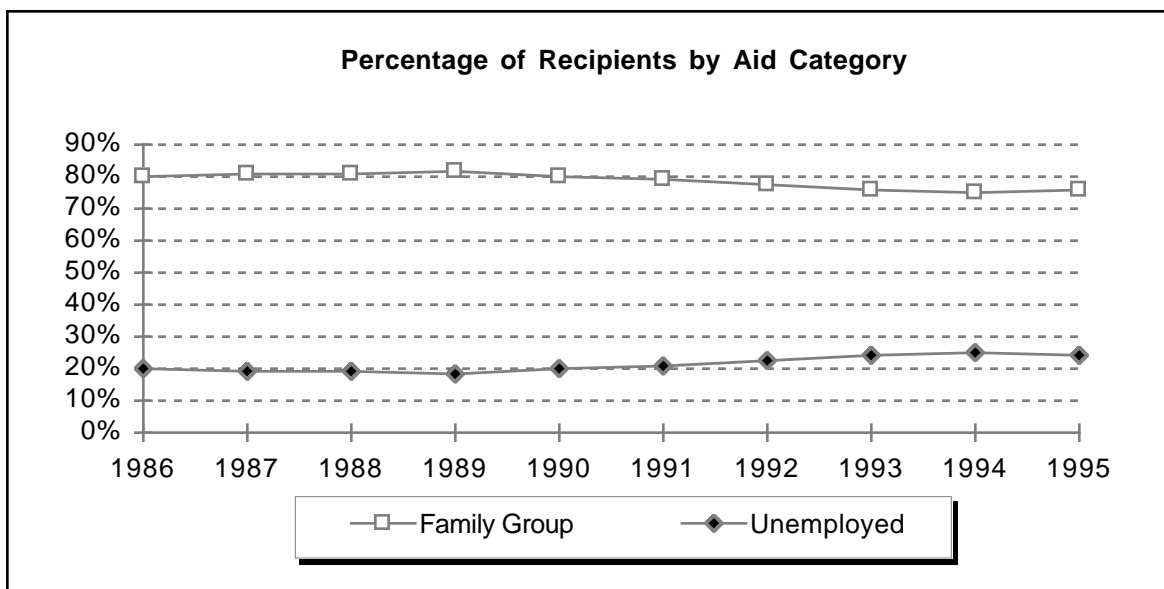
Chart 4 shows that recipients in both the FG and U aid categories increased during this time period. The combined recipient total grew from 1,676,198 in 1986 to 2,647,697 in 1995.

**Chart 4**



The percent of FG and U cases compared to total cases is shown in Chart 5. Aid in the FG category has decreased from 80.2 percent in 1986 to 75.6 percent in 1995 while the U caseload increased from 19.8 percent to 24.5 percent during the same time.

**Chart 5**



There was a sharp increase in the unemployment rate from 4.8 percent in 1989 to 7.0 percent in 1990. It continued to increase to 9.8 percent in 1992 and remained the same in 1993. Chart 6 indicates a decrease to 7.7 percent in 1994 followed by a slight rise in 1995 to 7.8 percent. Because the basis of deprivation for a U case is the unemployment of the principal wage earner, the influence of the unemployment rate in U recipient growth is evident.

**Chart 6**

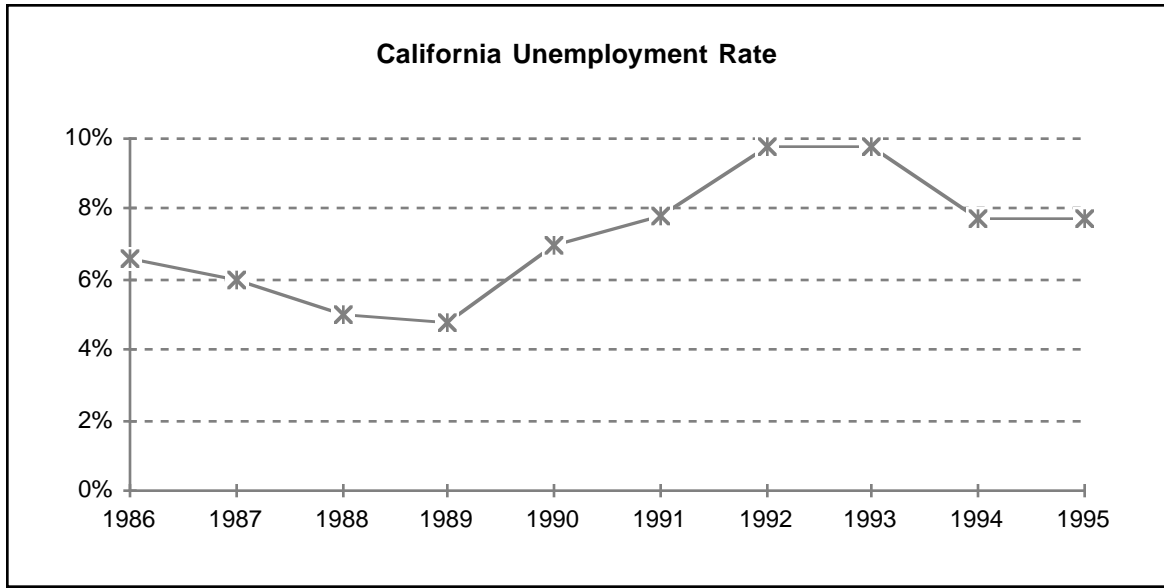
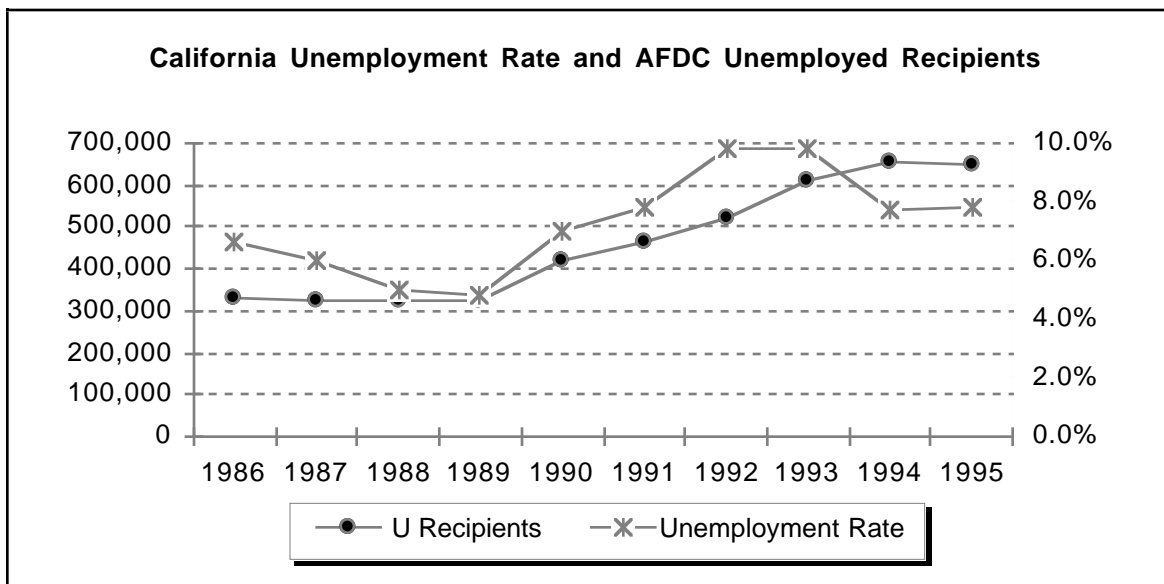


Chart 7 illustrates the relationship between the unemployment rate and the number of AFDC-U recipients.

**Chart 7**





## CASE COMPOSITION TRENDS

This section examines changes in the internal structure of AFDC cases over the last ten years. Data are presented on household and assistance unit sizes, ages of recipients, and citizenship status.

In 1986, the average number of persons living together in the household of an AFDC case was 3.7 in FG cases and 5.3 in U cases (Chart 8). Ten years later, the average number of persons for FG and U is 3.7 and 5.2, respectively. Minor fluctuations occurred during the intervening years, but AFDC household size is a relatively stable characteristic.

**Chart 8**

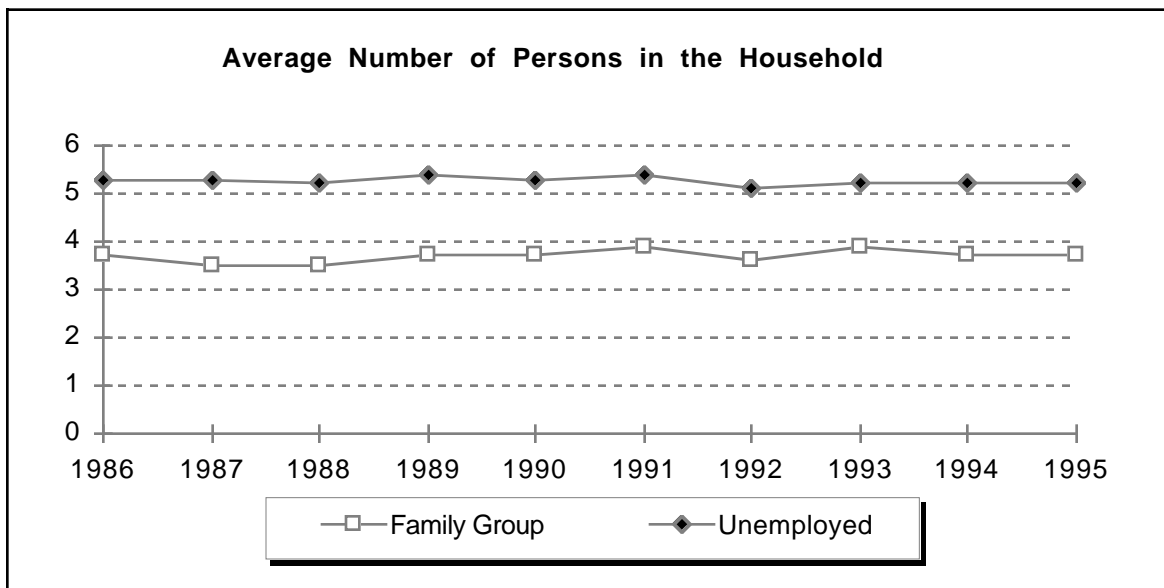
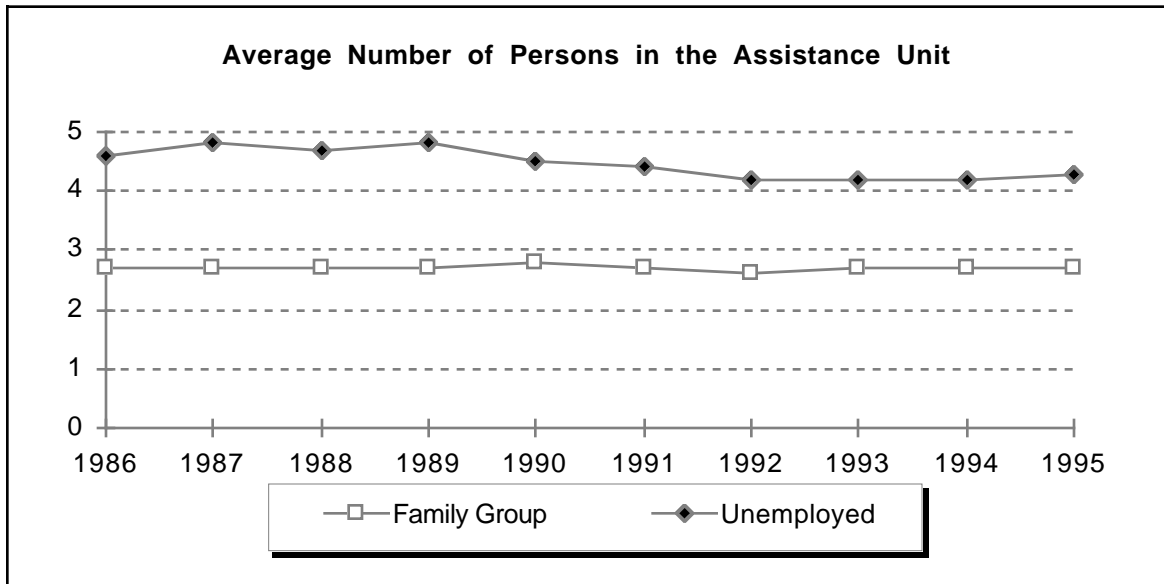


Chart 9 shows changes in assistance unit size since 1986. For the FG category, the average AU size has ranged from a minimum of 2.6 persons to a maximum of 2.8 persons and has remained at 2.7 persons for the past three years. The number of persons in U cases has decreased during the past ten years from 4.8 to 4.3 persons.

**Chart 9**

The average number of adults in an assistance unit has remained a constant 1.0 for FG cases over the last nine years starting with .9 in 1986 (Chart 10). In the U category, the assistance unit contained 1.8 adults in 1986, remained at 1.9 for the next several years, then dropped to 1.8 in 1994 and 1995.

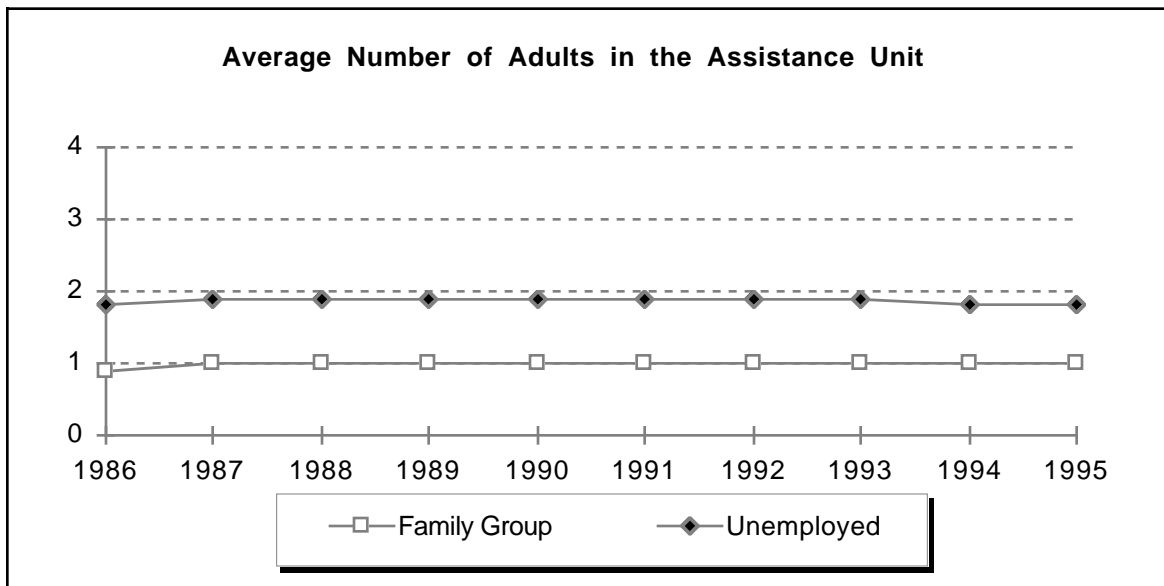
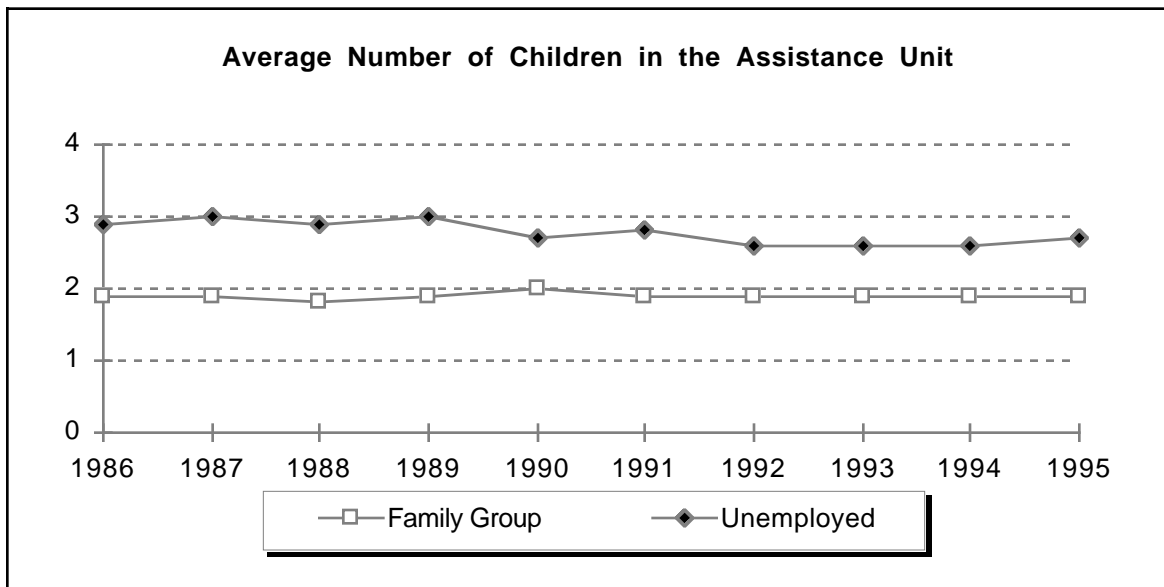
**Chart 10**

Chart 11 shows that the number of children has remained fairly consistent in both the FG and U categories, especially in the past few years.

**Chart 11**



The number of combined FG and U children-only cases in this survey is 19.2 percent of the total AFDC caseload (Table 5). Chart 12 shows the percentage of AFDC children-only cases over the ten year period in the FG and U categories. This caseload has not been stable during the ten year trend period. For instance, the children-only cases were 18.4 percent of all FG cases in 1986, peaked at 26.1 percent in 1992 then began a decline to 20.6 percent in 1995. The U caseload has followed a similar pattern.

**Chart 12**

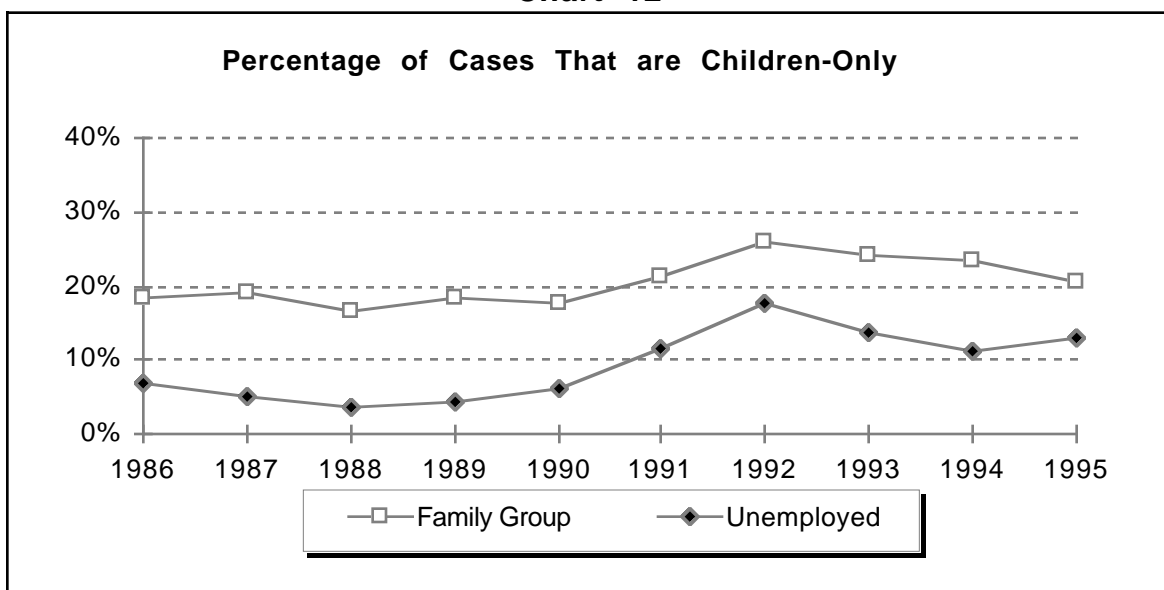


Chart 13 shows that the average age of FG fathers has fluctuated through the years from a low of 35.6 years to a high of 42.3 years. The average age of the FG father was 40.2 years in 1995. The average age of U fathers has remained fairly constant ranging from 35.8 years in 1986 to 36.2 years of age in 1995. A high of 36.5 in 1990 and a low of 34.9 in 1993 can be seen.

**Chart 13**

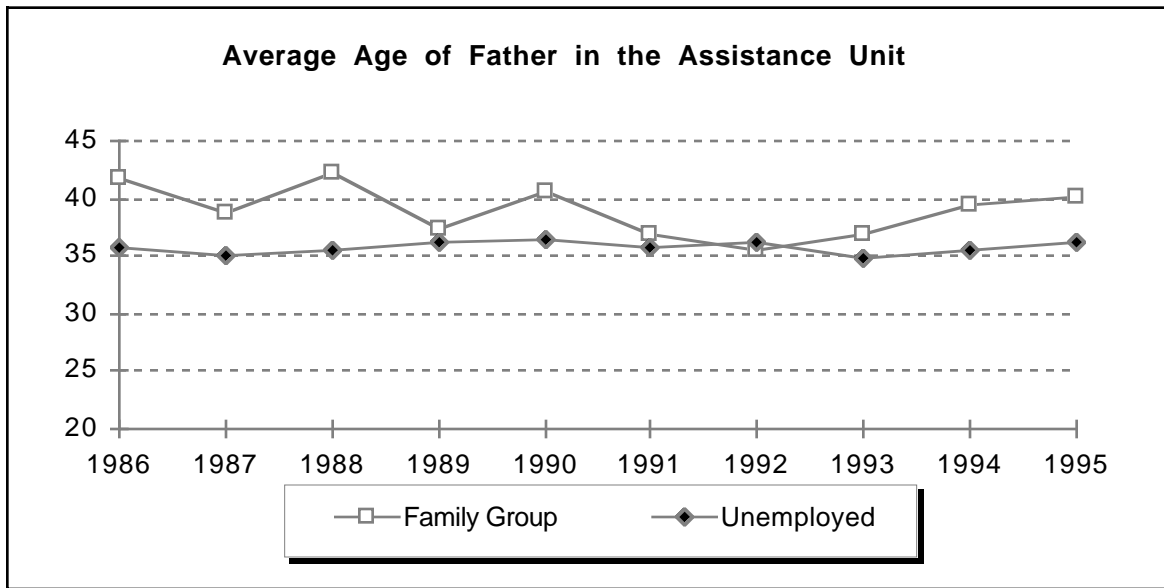
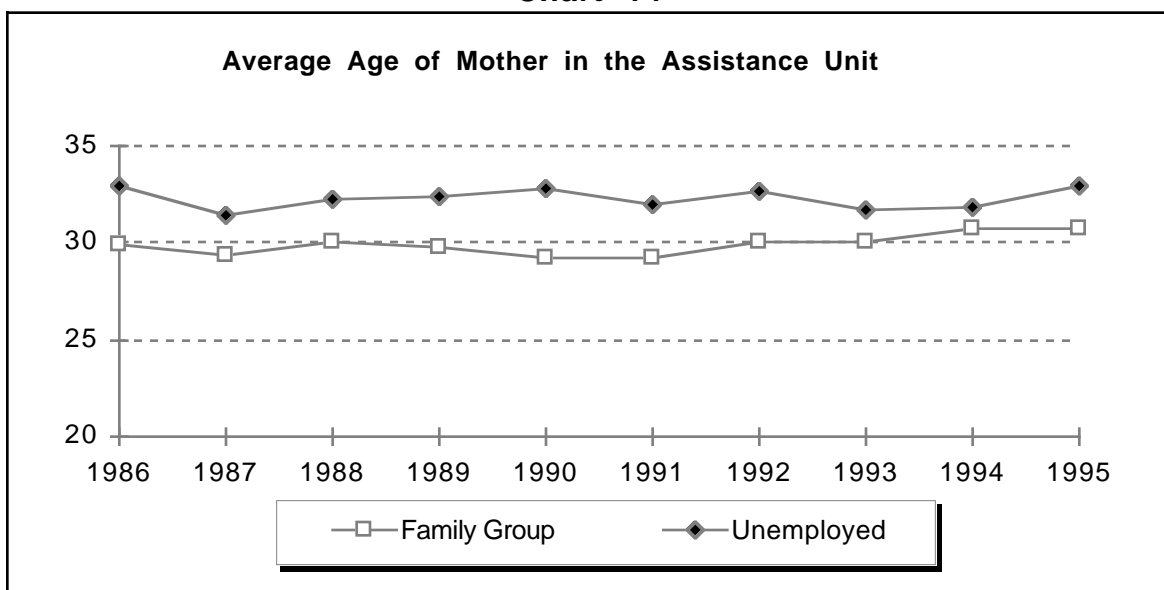


Chart 14 illustrates the average age of mothers in the AU. Age data for mothers was computed on the "senior" mother in the case. If there was another mother in the case, i.e., the child of the senior mother, the information was not tabulated for inclusion in this chart. The age of mothers has remained fairly consistent. Mothers in FG cases average in age from 29.9 years in 1986 to 30.8 years in 1995 and, in the U category, 32.9 years in 1986 to 33.0 years in 1995.

**Chart 14**



As Chart 15 shows, the percentage of cases containing a teenage mother has fluctuated in the past several years, but has remained slightly above 2 percent since 1992.

**Chart 15**

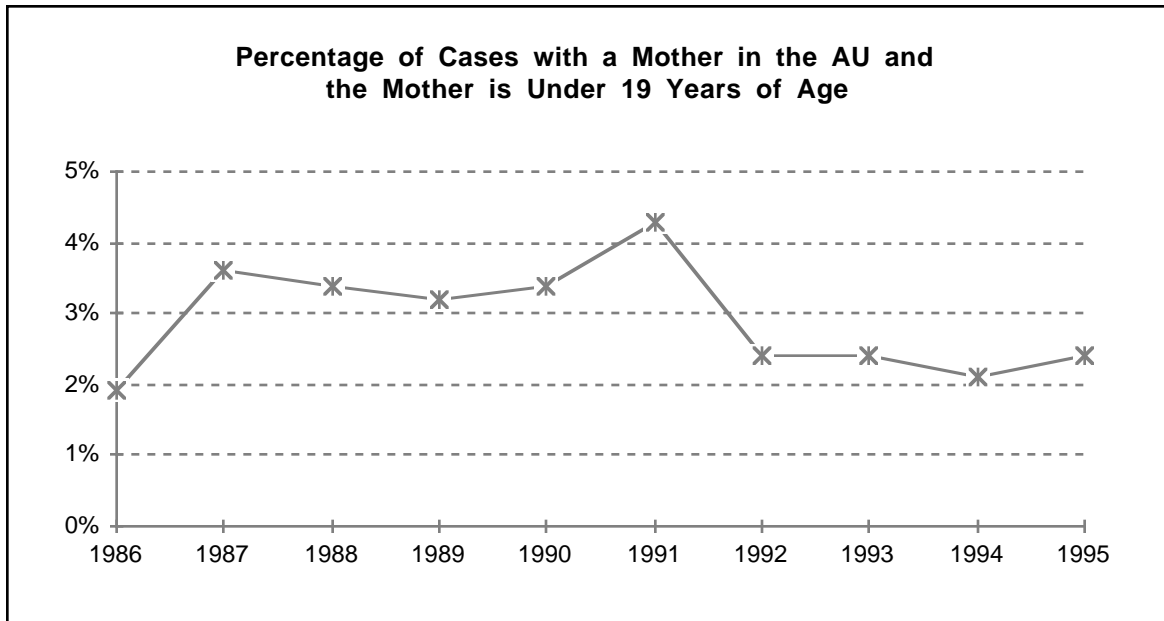
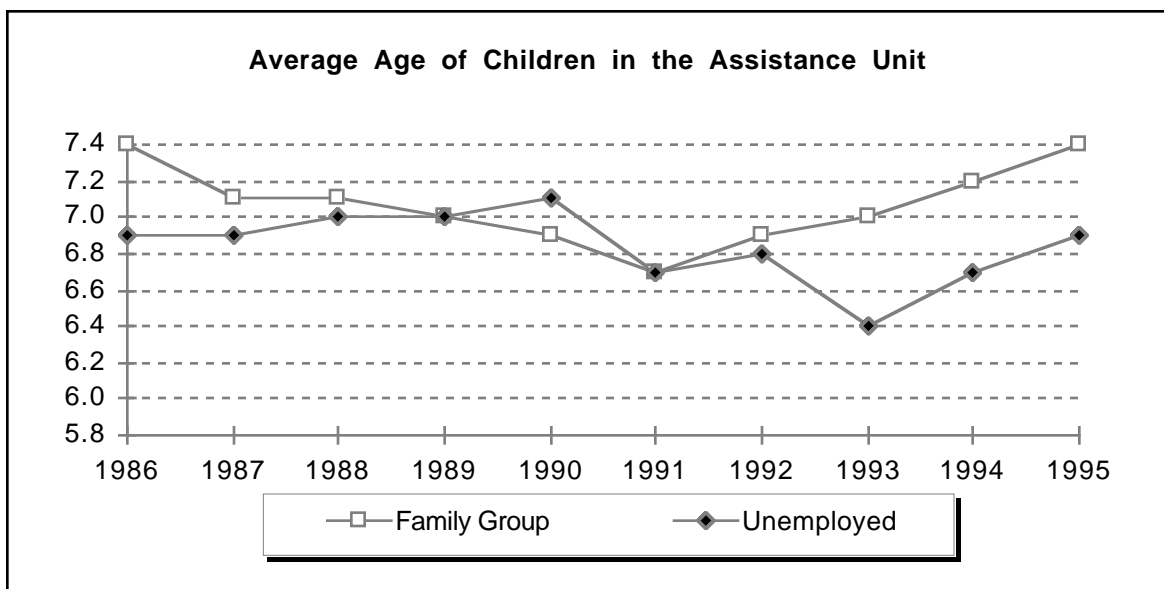


Chart 16 displays data on the average age of children in the case. Over the ten years examined, the average age in both FG and U cases has ranged from a high of 7.4 years in 1986 and 1995, to a low of 6.4 years in 1993.

**Chart 16**



## ECONOMIC TRENDS

Chart 17 shows that the percentage of cases with earned income has been increasing since 1992. Most notably, U cases with earned income has increased by 15 percent since that time.

**Chart 17**

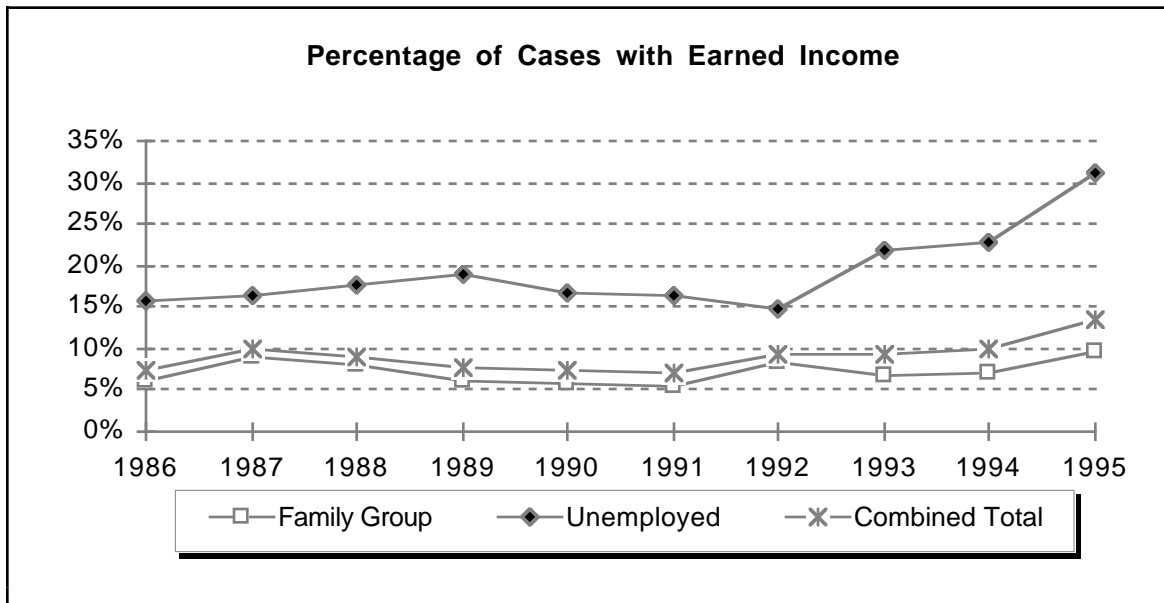
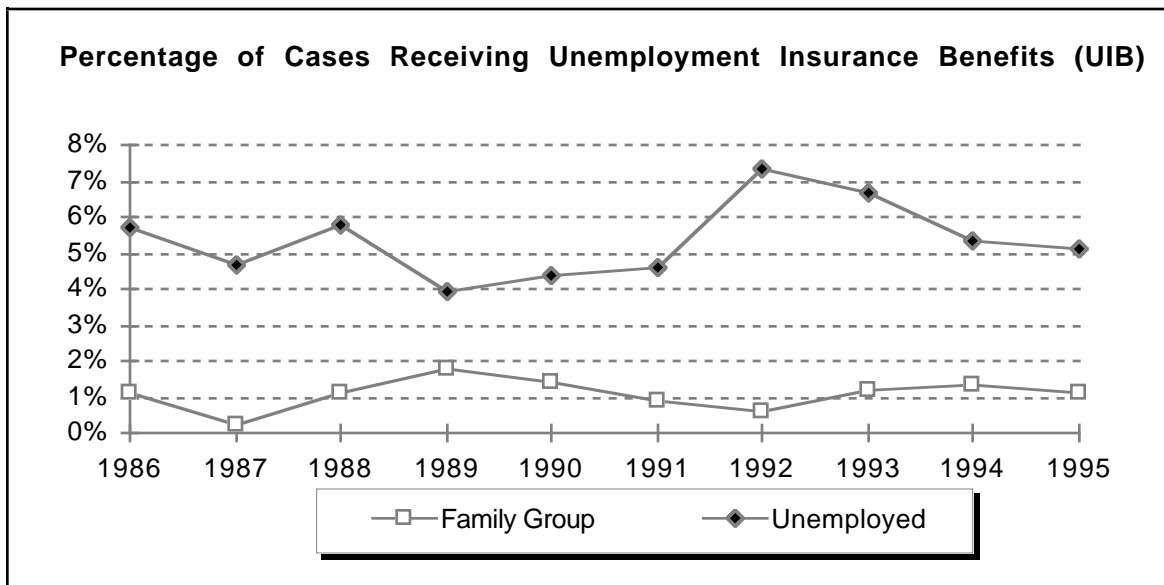


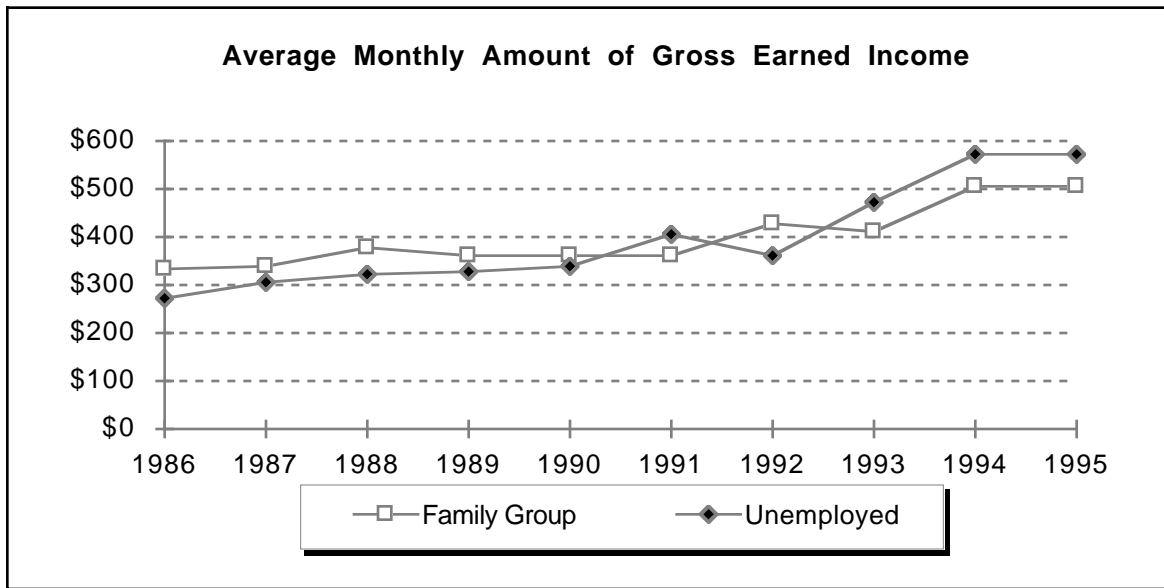
Chart 18 presents information on the percentage of cases that had a prior attachment to the labor force as determined by the receipt of Unemployment Insurance Benefits (UIB) during the survey months. Although the percent of FG cases receiving benefits has remained stable, the U caseload receiving benefits has experienced a fluctuation from 3.9 percent in 1989 to 7.3 percent in 1992.

**Chart 18**



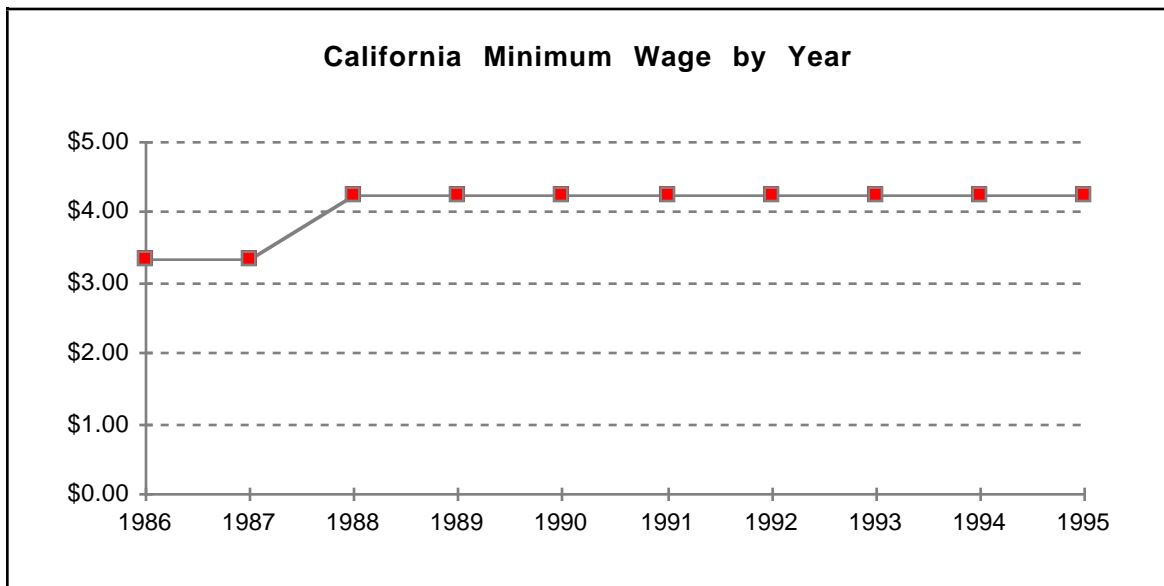
The average monthly amount of gross earned income is displayed in Chart 19. The display indicates an earnings increase in the FG category beginning in 1993. The most recent earnings increase in the U category began in 1992. In both categories, the average earned income has remained stable for the past two years.

**Chart 19**



The final chart in this section (Chart 20) shows the minimum wage in California for the ten year trend period. It has remained the same since 1988 when it increased from \$3.35 to \$4.25 per hour. On August 20, 1996 a federal law was passed that increased the minimum wage to \$4.75 per hour on October 1, 1996 with an additional increase to \$5.15 per hour on September 1, 1997.

**Chart 20**



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TABLE 1  
BASIS OF DEPRIVATION  
OCTOBER 1995

BASIS OF DEPRIVATION	TOTAL		ASSISTANCE UNITS			
	ASSISTANCE UNITS		FAMILY GROUP		UNEMPLOYED	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL .....	904,655 A/		746,051 A/		158,604 A/	
PARENT(S) ABSENT.....	690,349	76.3	678,738	91.0	11,611	7.3
PARENT(S) DECEASED.....	26,544	2.9	25,803	3.5	741	0.5
PARENT(S) INCARCERATED.....	40,388	4.5	40,388	5.4	0	0.0
PARENT(S) INSTITUTIONALIZED.....	1,122	0.1	1,122	0.2	0	0.0
INCAPACITATED PARENT - IN AU.....	23,920	2.6	22,438	3.0	1,482	0.9
INCAPACITATED PARENT - NOT IN AU.....	47,840	5.3	44,875	6.0	2,965	1.9
UNEMPLOYED FATHER B/.....	144,049	15.9	2,244	0.3	141,805	89.4
UNEMPLOYED MOTHER B/.....	17,921	2.0	1,122	0.2	16,799	10.6

A/ BECAUSE A CASE MAY HAVE MORE THAN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERISTICS, THE SUM OF THE NUMBERS BELOW MAY EXCEED THE TOTAL. THE CORRESPONDING PERCENTAGES ARE CALCULATED TO THE TOTAL.

B/ THIS IDENTIFIES THE PARENT THAT ESTABLISHED DEPRIVATION BASED ON HIS/HER UNEMPLOYMENT.

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TABLE 2  
ADDITIONAL CASE CHARACTERISTICS  
OCTOBER 1995

CHARACTERISTICS	TOTAL		ASSISTANCE UNITS			
	ASSISTANCE UNITS		FAMILY GROUP		UNEMPLOYED	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL .....	904,655	A/	746,051	A/	158,604	A/
NOT APPLICABLE.....	670,632	74.1	534,015	71.6	136,617	86.1
UNRELATED ADULT IN HOME.....	69,536	7.7	67,313	9.0	2,223	1.4
STEPPARENT-IN AU.....	12,033	1.3	5,609	0.8	6,423	4.0
STEPPARENT-NOT IN AU.....	7,092	0.8	5,609	0.8	1,482	0.9
NONNEEDY RELATIVE IS THE CARETAKER..	40,388	4.5	40,388	5.4	0	0.0
SSI/SSP B/.....	108,721	12.0	97,604	13.1	11,117	7.0
ANOTHER AFDC AU B/.....	18,424	2.0	15,706	2.1	2,718	1.7
CASH GENERAL ASSISTANCE B/.....	494	0.1	0	0.0	494	0.3
FOSTER CARE B/.....	2,244	0.2	2,244	0.3	0	0.0
REFUGEE CASH ASSISTANCE B/.....	1,369	0.2	1,122	0.2	247	0.2

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B/ THIS IDENTIFIES AUS WHICH RESIDE IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD AS A SSI/SSP, ANOTHER AFDC AU, CASH GENERAL ASSISTANCE, FOSTER CARE, AND/OR REFUGEE CASH ASSISTANCE RECIPIENT.

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TABLE 3  
PERSONS IN THE HOUSEHOLD A/  
OCTOBER 1995

NUMBER OF PERSONS	TOTAL		ASSISTANCE UNITS			
	ASSISTANCE UNITS		FAMILY GROUP		UNEMPLOYED	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL .....	904,655	100.0	746,051	100.0	158,604	100.0
TWO.....	197,451	21.8	197,451	26.5	0	0.0
THREE.....	231,759	25.6	207,548	27.8	24,211	15.3
FOUR.....	205,546	22.7	163,795	22.0	41,751	26.3
FIVE.....	114,313	12.6	74,044	9.9	40,269	25.4
SIX.....	76,198	8.4	52,728	7.1	23,469	14.8
SEVEN.....	43,899	4.9	32,535	4.4	11,364	7.2
EIGHT.....	18,630	2.1	11,219	1.5	7,411	4.7
NINE.....	9,676	1.1	4,488	0.6	5,188	3.3
TEN OR MORE.....	7,185	0.8	2,244	0.3	4,941	3.1
AVERAGE.....		3.9		3.7		5.2

A/ THIS REPRESENTS ALL PERSONS WHO ARE OCCUPYING THE SAME DWELLING UNIT AS THE AU REGARDLESS OF THEIR INCLUSION IN THE AU.

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TABLE 4  
PERSONS IN THE ASSISTANCE UNIT A/  
OCTOBER 1995

NUMBER OF PERSONS	TOTAL		ASSISTANCE UNITS			
	ASSISTANCE UNITS		FAMILY GROUP		UNEMPLOYED	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL .....	904,655	100.0	746,051	100.0	158,604	100.0
ONE.....	94,311	10.4	88,629	11.9	5,682	3.6
TWO.....	327,107	36.2	315,249	42.3	11,858	7.5
THREE.....	218,802	24.2	181,745	24.4	37,057	23.4
FOUR.....	135,722	15.0	91,994	12.3	43,727	27.6
FIVE.....	73,152	8.1	43,753	5.9	29,399	18.5
SIX.....	29,407	3.3	14,584	2.0	14,823	9.3
SEVEN.....	14,390	1.6	6,731	0.9	7,658	4.8
EIGHT.....	5,075	0.6	1,122	0.2	3,953	2.5
NINE.....	2,223	0.2	0	0.0	2,223	1.4
TEN OR MORE.....	4,467	0.5	2,244	0.3	2,223	1.4
AVERAGE.....	3.0		2.7		4.3	

A/ THIS IDENTIFIES ALL PERSONS WHO ARE CONSIDERED WHEN DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF THE AU'S TOTAL NEEDS.

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TABLE 5  
CASES WITH THE NUMBER OF  
ADULTS IN THE ASSISTANCE UNIT  
OCTOBER 1995

NUMBER OF ADULTS	ASSISTANCE UNITS					
	TOTAL		ASSISTANCE UNITS			
	ASSISTANCE UNITS		FAMILY GROUP		UNEMPLOYED	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL .....	904,655	100.0	746,051	100.0	158,604	100.0
NONE.....	173,956	19.2	153,698	20.6	20,258	12.8
ONE.....	599,890	66.3	578,891	77.6	20,999	13.2
TWO.....	130,810	14.5	13,463	1.8	117,347	74.0
AVERAGE.....	1.2		1.0		1.8	

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TABLE 6  
CASES WITH THE NUMBER OF  
CHILDREN IN THE ASSISTANCE UNIT  
OCTOBER 1995

NUMBER OF CHILDREN	ASSISTANCE UNITS					
	TOTAL		FAMILY GROUP		UNEMPLOYED	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL .....	904,655	100.0	746,051	100.0	158,604	100.0
NONE A/.....	10,344	1.1	10,097	1.4	247	0.2
ONE.....	382,370	42.3	347,783	46.6	34,587	21.8
TWO.....	266,653	29.5	214,279	28.7	52,374	33.0
THREE.....	135,422	15.0	99,847	13.4	35,575	22.4
FOUR.....	68,766	7.6	50,485	6.8	18,281	11.5
FIVE.....	23,859	2.6	15,706	2.1	8,153	5.1
SIX.....	9,181	1.0	4,488	0.6	4,694	3.0
SEVEN OR MORE.....	8,060	0.9	3,366	0.5	4,694	3.0
AVERAGE.....	2.1		1.9		2.7	

A/ THE MOTHER IS PREGNANT WITH NO OTHER CHILDREN, OR THE CHILD IS AIDED UNDER THE SSI/SSP PROGRAM.

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TABLE 6A  
CHILDREN BORN OUT OF WEDLOCK  
OCTOBER 1995

OUT OF WEDLOCK CHILDREN	TOTAL		CHILDREN					
	CHILDREN		FAMILY GROUP			UNEMPLOYED		
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	PERCENT
TOTAL .....	1,816,358	100.0	1,414,505	100.0	100.0	401,853	100.0	
CHILDREN BORN OUT OF WEDLOCK.....	836,700	46.1	740,396	52.3		96,304	24.0	
CHILDREN NOT BORN OUT OF WEDLOCK....	686,703	37.8	423,565	29.9		263,138	65.5	
UNKNOWN IF BORN OUT OF WEDLOCK.....	292,955	16.1	250,544	17.7		42,411	10.6	



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TABLE 6B  
CHILDREN WHOSE LEGAL PATERNITY HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED  
OCTOBER 1995

LEGAL PATERNITY ESTABLISHED	TOTAL		CHILDREN			
	CHILDREN		FAMILY GROUP		UNEMPLOYED	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL .....	1,816,358	100.0	1,414,505	100.0	401,853	100.0
CHILDREN W/ ESTAB. LEGAL PATERNITY...	970,940	53.5	675,232	47.7	295,708	73.6
CHILDREN W/O ESTAB. LEGAL PATERNITY.	68,823	3.8	61,793	4.4	7,029	1.7
UNKNOWN IF LEGAL PATERNITY WAS ESTAB	776,595	42.8	677,479	47.9	99,116	24.7

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TABLE 7  
AGE OF FATHER  
OCTOBER 1995

AGE	TOTAL		ASSISTANCE UNITS			
	ASSISTANCE UNITS		FAMILY GROUP		UNEMPLOYED	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL .....	904,655	100.0	746,051	100.0	158,604	100.0
NO FATHER IN AU.....	729,298	80.6	696,688	93.4	32,610	20.6
FATHER IN AU.....	175,357	19.4	49,363	6.6	125,994	79.4
18 YEARS.....	494	0.3	0	0.0	494	0.4
19 YEARS.....	988	0.6	0	0.0	988	0.8
20 YEARS.....	988	0.6	0	0.0	988	0.8
21-24 YEARS.....	10,757	6.1	1,122	2.3	9,635	7.6
25-29 YEARS.....	22,368	12.8	1,122	2.3	21,246	16.9
30-34 YEARS.....	33,186	18.9	8,975	18.2	24,211	19.2
35-39 YEARS.....	38,528	22.0	12,341	25.0	26,187	20.8
40-44 YEARS.....	31,857	18.2	12,341	25.0	19,517	15.5
45-49 YEARS.....	19,104	10.9	8,975	18.2	10,129	8.0
50-54 YEARS.....	11,024	6.3	3,366	6.8	7,658	6.1
55-59 YEARS.....	3,459	2.0	0	0.0	3,459	2.7
60 YEARS OR OLDER.....	2,604	1.5	1,122	2.3	1,482	1.2
AVERAGE AGE.....		37.3		40.2		36.2

AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN CHARACTERISTICS SURVEY

TABLE 8  
AGE OF MOTHER  
OCTOBER 1995

AGE	TOTAL		ASSISTANCE UNITS			
	ASSISTANCE UNITS		FAMILY GROUP		UNEMPLOYED	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL .....	904,655	100.0	746,051	100.0	158,604	100.0
NO MOTHER IN AU.....	228,599	25.3	199,695	26.8	28,904	18.2
MOTHER IN AU.....	676,056	74.7	546,356	73.2	129,700	81.8
16 YEARS.....	247	0.0	0	0.0	247	0.2
17 YEARS.....	4,107	0.6	3,366	0.6	741	0.6
18 YEARS.....	12,207	1.8	11,219	2.1	988	0.8
19 YEARS.....	16,180	2.4	13,463	2.5	2,718	2.1
20 YEARS.....	22,911	3.4	20,194	3.7	2,718	2.1
21-24 YEARS.....	111,418	16.5	95,360	17.5	16,058	12.4
25-29 YEARS.....	138,622	20.5	112,188	20.5	26,434	20.4
30-34 YEARS.....	148,472	22.0	122,285	22.4	26,187	20.2
35-39 YEARS.....	111,244	16.5	89,750	16.4	21,493	16.6
40-44 YEARS.....	63,157	9.3	44,875	8.2	18,281	14.1
45-49 YEARS.....	36,560	5.4	26,925	4.9	9,635	7.4
50-54 YEARS.....	7,452	1.1	4,488	0.8	2,965	2.3
55-59 YEARS.....	3,232	0.5	2,244	0.4	988	0.8
60 YEARS OR OLDER.....	247	0.0	0	0.0	247	0.2
AVERAGE AGE.....	31.2		30.8		33.0	

AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN CHARACTERISTICS SURVEY

TABLE 8A  
AGE OF MOTHER AT BIRTH OF OLDEST CHILD IN THE AU A/  
OCTOBER 1995

AGE AT CHILD'S BIRTH	TOTAL		ASSISTANCE UNITS			
	ASSISTANCE UNITS		FAMILY GROUP		UNEMPLOYED	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL .....	904,655	100.0	746,051	100.0	158,604	100.0
NO MOTHER IN AU.....	228,599	25.3	199,695	26.8	28,904	18.2
MOTHER IN AU.....	676,056	74.7	546,356	73.2	129,700	81.8
NO CHILD IN THE AU B/.....	9,222	1.4	8,975	1.6	247	0.2
LESS THAN 16 YEARS.....	27,111	4.0	20,194	3.7	6,917	5.3
16 YEARS.....	31,866	4.7	26,925	4.9	4,941	3.8
17 YEARS.....	54,931	8.1	50,485	9.2	4,447	3.4
18 YEARS.....	75,311	11.1	63,947	11.7	11,364	8.8
19 YEARS.....	70,897	10.5	53,850	9.9	17,046	13.1
20 YEARS.....	57,762	8.5	49,363	9.0	8,400	6.5
21-24 YEARS.....	175,316	25.9	140,235	25.7	35,081	27.0
25-29 YEARS.....	89,948	13.3	70,679	12.9	19,270	14.9
30-34 YEARS.....	45,741	6.8	31,413	5.7	14,329	11.0
35-39 YEARS.....	30,116	4.5	24,681	4.5	5,435	4.2
40 YEARS AND OLDER.....	7,833	1.2	5,609	1.0	2,223	1.7
AVERAGE AGE.....		22.8		22.6		23.6

A/ THE OLDEST CHILD IN THE AU IS NOT NECESSARILY THE MOTHER'S FIRST BORN CHILD. SHE MAY HAVE AN OLDER CHILD WHO IS NO LONGER A MEMBER OF THE AU. ALSO, THE CHILD IN THE AU COULD BE HER SIBLING, STEP-CHILD, ETC., NOT HER NATURAL CHILD.

B/ MOTHER COULD BE PREGNANT WITH HER FIRST CHILD, OR THE CHILD(REN) IS (ARE) RECEIVING SSI/SSP.

AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN CHARACTERISTICS SURVEY

TABLE 9  
AGE OF CHILDREN  
OCTOBER 1995

AGE	TOTAL		CHILDREN			
	CHILDREN		FAMILY GROUP		UNEMPLOYED	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL .....	1,816,358	100.0	1,414,505	100.0	401,853	100.0
UNDER 1 YEAR.....	107,695	5.9	84,264	6.0	23,432	5.8
1 YEAR.....	142,861	7.9	111,228	7.9	31,633	7.9
2 YEARS.....	138,463	7.6	104,487	7.4	33,976	8.5
3 YEARS.....	127,131	7.0	95,499	6.8	31,633	7.9
4 YEARS.....	117,302	6.5	84,264	6.0	33,039	8.2
5 YEARS.....	126,753	7.0	98,869	7.0	27,884	6.9
6 YEARS.....	127,174	7.0	99,993	7.1	27,181	6.8
7 YEARS.....	116,311	6.4	91,005	6.4	25,306	6.3
8 YEARS.....	120,054	6.6	96,622	6.8	23,432	5.8
9 YEARS.....	95,054	5.2	73,028	5.2	22,026	5.5
10 YEARS.....	82,461	4.5	60,670	4.3	21,791	5.4
11 YEARS.....	85,784	4.7	65,164	4.6	20,620	5.1
12 YEARS.....	84,798	4.7	66,287	4.7	18,511	4.6
13 YEARS.....	69,580	3.8	55,052	3.9	14,528	3.6
14 YEARS.....	88,914	4.9	74,152	5.2	14,762	3.7
15 YEARS.....	77,348	4.3	65,164	4.6	12,184	3.0
16 YEARS.....	55,437	3.1	46,064	3.3	9,373	2.3
17 YEARS.....	42,375	2.3	33,705	2.4	8,670	2.2
18 YEARS.....	10,863	0.6	8,988	0.6	1,875	0.5
AVERAGE AGE.....	7.3		7.4		6.9	

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TABLE 10  
CITIZENSHIP OF PERSONS IN THE ASSISTANCE UNIT  
OCTOBER 1995

STATUS	TOTAL		PERSONS			
	PERSONS		FAMILY GROUP		UNEMPLOYED	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL .....	2,647,697	100.0	2,000,339	100.0	647,358	100.0
CITIZEN .....	2,281,588	86.2	1,832,440	91.6	449,149	69.4
NOT A CITIZEN .....	366,109	13.8	167,899	8.4	198,209	30.6

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TABLE 11  
IDENTIFICATION OF PERSONS FOR CLAIMING OF  
FEDERAL FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION  
OCTOBER 1995

FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY STATUS	TOTAL		PERSONS			
	PERSONS		FAMILY GROUP		UNEMPLOYED	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL .....	2,647,697	100.0	2,000,339	100.0	647,358	100.0
FEDERALLY ELIGIBLE PERSONS.....	2,642,884	99.8	1,998,115	99.9	644,769	99.6
FEDERALLY ELIGIBLE ESSENTIAL PERSONS	1,818	0.1	1,112	0.1	706	0.1
FEDERALLY INELIGIBLE PERSONS.....	2,995	0.1	1,112	0.1	1,883	0.3

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TABLE 12  
PRIMARY LANGUAGE SPOKEN  
OCTOBER 1995

LANGUAGE	TOTAL		ASSISTANCE UNITS			
	ASSISTANCE UNITS		FAMILY GROUP		UNEMPLOYED	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL .....	904,655	100.0	746,051	100.0	158,604	100.0
ENGLISH.....	625,266	69.1	557,575	74.7	67,691	42.7
NON-ENGLISH.....	279,389	30.9	188,476	25.3	90,913	57.3
SPANISH.....	192,650	69.0	144,723	76.8	47,927	52.7
VIETNAMESE.....	33,380	11.9	16,828	8.9	16,552	18.2
ARMENIAN.....	12,774	4.6	5,609	3.0	7,164	7.9
CAMBODIAN.....	9,335	3.3	7,853	4.2	1,482	1.6
HMONG.....	9,295	3.3	3,366	1.8	5,929	6.5
LAOTIAN.....	6,958	2.5	4,488	2.4	2,470	2.7
RUSSIAN.....	5,322	1.9	1,122	0.6	4,200	4.6
FARSI.....	2,851	1.0	1,122	0.6	1,729	1.9
CHINESE LANGUAGES.....	2,357	0.8	1,122	0.6	1,235	1.4
MIEN.....	1,616	0.6	1,122	0.6	494	0.5
OTHER A/.....	2,851	1.0	1,122	0.6	1,729	1.9

A/ THE OTHER CATEGORY INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGES: AMERICAN INDIAN, ARABIC, EGYPTIAN, SOMALI, SUDANESE, TAGALOG AND TIGRINYA.



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TABLE 13  
LANGUAGE SPOKEN BY THOSE UNABLE  
TO SPEAK ENGLISH  
OCTOBER 1995

LANGUAGE	TOTAL		ASSISTANCE UNITS					
	ASSISTANCE UNITS		FAMILY GROUP			UNEMPLOYED		
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL .....	904,655	100.0	746,051	100.0	158,604	100.0		
ENGLISH IS PRIMARY LANGUAGE.....	625,266	69.1	557,575	74.7	67,691	42.7		
NON-ENGLISH IS PRIMARY LANGUAGE....	279,389	30.9	188,476	25.3	90,913	57.3		100.0
ABLE TO SPEAK ENGLISH.....	93,799	33.6	59,460	31.5	34,339	37.8		
UNABLE TO SPEAK ENGLISH.....	185,590	66.4	129,016	68.5	56,574	62.2		100.0
SPANISH.....	146,754	79.1	109,944	85.2	36,810	65.1		
VIETNAMESE.....	16,119	8.7	6,731	5.2	9,388	16.6		
HMONG.....	5,589	3.0	3,366	2.6	2,223	3.9		
ARMENIAN.....	4,220	2.3	2,244	1.7	1,976	3.5		
CAMBODIAN.....	3,613	1.9	3,366	2.6	247	0.4		
RUSSIAN.....	3,592	1.9	1,122	0.9	2,470	4.4		
CHINESE LANGUAGES.....	2,110	1.1	1,122	0.9	988	1.7		
LAOTIAN.....	2,110	1.1	1,122	0.9	988	1.7		
FARSI.....	741	0.4	0	0.0	741	1.3		
MIEN.....	247	0.1	0	0.0	247	0.4		
OTHER A/.....	494	0.3	0	0.0	494	0.9		

A/ THE OTHER CATEGORY INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGES: SOMALI AND TIGRINYA.

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TABLE 14  
ETHNICITY OF EACH PERSON IN THE ASSISTANCE UNIT  
OCTOBER 1995

ETHNICITY	TOTAL		PERSONS			
	PERSONS		FAMILY GROUP		UNEMPLOYED	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL .....	2,647,697	100.0	2,000,339	100.0	647,358	100.0
WHITE.....	780,033	29.5	592,652	29.6	187,381	28.9
HISPANIC.....	1,027,739	38.8	780,566	39.0	247,173	38.2
BLACK.....	492,779	18.6	456,998	22.8	35,781	5.5
VIETNAMESE.....	115,608	4.4	47,812	2.4	67,796	10.5
LAOTIAN.....	97,728	3.7	35,581	1.8	62,146	9.6
OTHER ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER.....	46,330	1.7	28,910	1.4	17,420	2.7
CHINESE.....	23,636	0.9	14,455	0.7	9,181	1.4
CAMBODIAN.....	23,335	0.9	15,567	0.8	7,768	1.2
AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKAN NATIVE...	16,809	0.6	14,455	0.7	2,354	0.4
FILIPINO.....	15,957	0.6	8,895	0.4	7,062	1.1
ASIAN INDIAN.....	2,760	0.1	1,112	0.1	1,648	0.3
KOREAN.....	2,695	0.1	2,224	0.1	471	0.1
HAWAIIAN.....	1,177	0.0	0	0.0	1,177	0.2
GUAMANIAN.....	1,112	0.0	1,112	0.1	0	0.0

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TABLE 15  
 MARITAL STATUS OF THE MOTHER IN THE ASSISTANCE UNIT  
 OCTOBER 1995

MARITAL STATUS	TOTAL		ASSISTANCE UNITS					
	ASSISTANCE UNITS		FAMILY GROUP			UNEMPLOYED		
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL .....	904,655	100.0	746,051	100.0	158,604	100.0		
NO MOTHER IN THE HOME.....	69,176	7.6	68,435	9.2	741	0.5		
MOTHER NOT IN AU, BUT IN THE HOME.....	159,423	17.6	131,260	17.6	28,163	17.8		
MOTHER IN AU.....	676,056	74.7	546,356	73.2	129,700	81.8	100.0	
MARRIED.....	154,378	22.8	51,607	9.4	102,771	79.2		
SEPARATED.....	164,742	24.4	159,307	29.2	5,435	4.2		
COMMON LAW MARRIAGE.....	11,652	1.7	4,488	0.8	7,164	5.5		
NEVER MARRIED.....	216,174	32.0	205,304	37.6	10,870	8.4		
DIVORCED.....	68,054	10.1	67,313	12.3	741	0.6		
WIDOWED.....	9,222	1.4	8,975	1.6	247	0.2		
UNKNOWN.....	51,833	7.7	49,363	9.0	2,470	1.9		

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TABLE 15A  
MARITAL STATUS OF THE MOTHER NOT IN AU, BUT IN THE HOME  
OCTOBER 1995

MARITAL STATUS	TOTAL		ASSISTANCE UNITS			
	ASSISTANCE UNITS		FAMILY GROUP		UNEMPLOYED	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL .....	904,655	100.0	746,051	100.0	158,604	100.0
NO MOTHER IN THE HOME.....	69,176	7.6	68,435	9.2	741	0.5
MOTHER IN AU.....	676,056	74.7	546,356	73.2	129,700	81.8
MOTHER NOT IN AU, BUT IN THE HOME.....	159,423	17.6	131,260	17.6	28,163	17.8
MARRIED.....	38,475	24.1	20,194	15.4	18,281	64.9
SEPARATED.....	37,516	23.5	37,022	28.2	494	1.8
COMMON LAW MARRIAGE.....	9,428	5.9	4,488	3.4	4,941	17.5
NEVER MARRIED.....	42,230	26.5	39,266	29.9	2,965	10.5
DIVORCED.....	5,609	3.5	5,609	4.3	0	0.0
WIDOWED.....	1,122	0.7	1,122	0.9	0	0.0
UNKNOWN.....	25,042	15.7	23,560	17.9	1,482	5.3

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TABLE 16  
MARITAL STATUS OF THE FATHER IN THE ASSISTANCE UNIT  
OCTOBER 1995

MARITAL STATUS	TOTAL		ASSISTANCE UNITS			
	ASSISTANCE UNITS		FAMILY GROUP		UNEMPLOYED	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL .....	904,655	100.0	746,051	100.0	158,604	100.0
NO FATHER IN THE HOME.....	635,592	70.3	633,863	85.0	1,729	1.1
FATHER NOT IN AU, BUT IN THE HOME.....	93,706	10.4	62,825	8.4	30,881	19.5
FATHER IN AU.....	175,357	19.4	49,363	6.6	125,994	79.4
MARRIED.....	123,099	70.2	21,316	43.2	101,783	80.8
SEPARATED.....	13,422	7.7	8,975	18.2	4,447	3.5
COMMON LAW MARRIAGE.....	9,027	5.1	1,122	2.3	7,905	6.3
NEVER MARRIED.....	16,253	9.3	7,853	15.9	8,400	6.7
DIVORCED.....	6,978	4.0	6,731	13.6	247	0.2
WIDOWED.....	1,122	0.6	1,122	2.3	0	0.0
UNKNOWN.....	5,455	3.1	2,244	4.5	3,212	2.5

AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN CHARACTERISTICS SURVEY

TABLE 16A  
MARITAL STATUS OF THE FATHER NOT IN AU, BUT IN THE HOME  
OCTOBER 1995

MARITAL STATUS	TOTAL		ASSISTANCE UNITS			
	ASSISTANCE UNITS		FAMILY GROUP		UNEMPLOYED	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL .....	904,655	100.0	746,051	100.0	158,604	100.0
NO FATHER IN THE HOME.....	635,592	70.3	633,863	85.0	1,729	1.1
FATHER IN AU.....	175,357	19.4	49,363	6.6	125,994	79.4
FATHER NOT IN AU, BUT IN THE HOME.....	93,706	10.4	62,825	8.4	30,881	19.5
MARRIED.....	46,936	50.1	26,925	42.9	20,011	64.8
SEPARATED.....	2,244	2.4	2,244	3.6	0	0.0
COMMON LAW MARRIAGE.....	6,197	6.6	2,244	3.6	3,953	12.8
NEVER MARRIED.....	17,035	18.2	12,341	19.6	4,694	15.2
DIVORCED.....	1,616	1.7	1,122	1.8	494	1.6
UNKNOWN.....	19,679	21.0	17,950	28.6	1,729	5.6

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TABLE 17  
AFDC GRANT A/  
OCTOBER 1995

MONTHLY AMOUNT	TOTAL		ASSISTANCE UNITS			
	ASSISTANCE UNITS		FAMILY GROUP		UNEMPLOYED	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL .....	904,655	100.0	746,051	100.0	158,604	100.0
LESS THAN \$100.....	5,970	0.7	4,488	0.6	1,482	0.9
\$100-199.....	10,056	1.1	5,609	0.8	4,447	2.8
\$200-299.....	112,467	12.4	102,091	13.7	10,376	6.5
\$300-399.....	18,517	2.0	12,341	1.7	6,176	3.9
\$400-499.....	310,999	34.4	296,177	39.7	14,823	9.3
\$500-599.....	25,609	2.8	17,950	2.4	7,658	4.8
\$600-699.....	197,033	21.8	164,917	22.1	32,116	20.2
\$700-799.....	122,433	13.5	84,141	11.3	38,292	24.1
\$800-899.....	56,178	6.2	38,144	5.1	18,034	11.4
\$900-999.....	25,321	2.8	13,463	1.8	11,858	7.5
\$1000 OR MORE.....	20,072	2.2	6,731	0.9	13,341	8.4
AVERAGE MONTHLY AMOUNT.....		\$562		\$540		\$665

A/ ALLOWANCES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE GRANT AMOUNT.

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TABLE 18  
SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE A/  
OCTOBER 1995

SPECIAL NEEDS STATUS	TOTAL		ASSISTANCE UNITS			
	ASSISTANCE UNITS		FAMILY GROUP		UNEMPLOYED	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL .....	904,655	100.0	746,051	100.0	158,604	100.0
NO SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE.....	878,265	97.1	723,613	97.0	154,651	97.5
SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE.....	26,390	2.9	22,438	3.0	3,953	2.5
AVERAGE MONTHLY AMOUNT.....	\$48		\$48		\$49	

A/ SPECIAL NEEDS PAYMENT FOR HOMELESS ASSISTANCE IS NOT INCLUDED.



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TABLE 19  
INCOME BY SOURCE  
OCTOBER 1995

SOURCE	TOTAL		ASSISTANCE UNITS			
	ASSISTANCE UNITS		FAMILY GROUP		UNEMPLOYED	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL .....	904,655	100.0	746,051	100.0	158,604	100.0
NO INCOME-GRANT ONLY.....	727,093	80.4	630,497	84.5	96,595	60.9
INCOME.....	177,562 A/	19.6	115,554 A/	15.5	62,009 A/	39.1
GROSS EARNED INCOME.....	121,210	68.3	71,800	62.1	49,409	79.7
SDI.....	5,229	2.9	4,488	3.9	741	1.2
UIB.....	16,006	9.0	7,853	6.8	8,153	13.1
SOCIAL SECURITY.....	24,795	14.0	23,560	20.4	1,235	2.0
ABSENT PARENT(S) CONTRIBUTION.....	5,609	3.2	5,609	4.9	0	0.0
UNEMPLOYED PARENT CONTRIBUTION.....	2,851	1.6	1,122	1.0	1,729	2.8
STEPPARENT(S) CONTRIBUTION.....	1,122	0.6	1,122	1.0	0	0.0
EXCLUDED PARENT CONTRIBUTION.....	2,851	1.6	1,122	1.0	1,729	2.8
CONTRIBUTION FROM OTHER PERSONS.....	2,357	1.3	1,122	1.0	1,235	2.0
OTHER UNEARNED INCOME.....	9,202	5.2	6,731	5.8	2,470	4.0
INCOME IN KIND.....	2,491	1.4	2,244	1.9	247	0.4

A/ BECAUSE A CASE MAY HAVE MORE THAN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERISTICS, THE SUM OF THE NUMBERS LISTED BELOW MAY EXCEED THE SUBTOTAL. THE CORRESPONDING PERCENTAGES ARE CALCULATED TO THAT SUBTOTAL.

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TABLE 19A  
AVERAGE MONTHLY INCOME BY SOURCE  
OCTOBER 1995

SOURCE	TOTAL		ASSISTANCE UNITS			
	ASSISTANCE UNITS		FAMILY GROUP		UNEMPLOYED	
	AVERAGE	PERCENT	AVERAGE	PERCENT	AVERAGE	PERCENT
TOTAL .....	NA *	100.0	NA *	100.0	NA *	100.0
NO INCOME-GRANT ONLY.....	NA *	80.4	NA *	84.5	NA *	60.9
INCOME.....	\$461 A/	19.6	\$419 A/	15.5	\$539 A/	39.1
GROSS EARNED INCOME.....	\$534	68.3	\$508	62.1	\$573	79.7
SDI.....	\$177	2.9	\$154	3.9	\$316	1.2
UIB.....	\$282	9.0	\$203	6.8	\$358	13.1
SOCIAL SECURITY.....	\$246	14.0	\$240	20.4	\$344	2.0
ABSENT PARENT(S) CONTRIBUTION.....	\$132	3.2	\$132	4.9	\$0	0.0
UNEMPLOYED PARENT CONTRIBUTION.....	\$226	1.6	\$192	1.0	\$248	2.8
STEPARENT(S) CONTRIBUTION.....	\$312	0.6	\$312	1.0	\$0	0.0
EXCLUDED PARENT CONTRIBUTION.....	\$218	1.6	\$212	1.0	\$222	2.8
CONTRIBUTION FROM OTHER PERSONS.....	\$143	1.3	\$100	1.0	\$182	2.0
OTHER UNEARNED INCOME.....	\$236	5.2	\$260	5.8	\$172	4.0
INCOME IN KIND.....	\$272	1.4	\$270	1.9	\$290	0.4

\* NOT APPLICABLE

A/ THE AVERAGES FOR THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERISTICS ARE CALCULATED BASED ON THE NUMBERS IN THE CORRESPONDING CATEGORIES ON TABLE 19.

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TABLE 20  
TOTAL NET NONEXEMPT INCOME  
OCTOBER 1995

NET NONEXEMPT INCOME	TOTAL		ASSISTANCE UNITS			
	ASSISTANCE UNITS		FAMILY GROUP		UNEMPLOYED	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL .....	904,655	100.0	746,051	100.0	158,604	100.0
NO NET NONEXEMPT INCOME.....	727,340	80.4	630,497	84.5	96,842	61.1
NET NONEXEMPT INCOME.....	177,315	19.6	115,554	15.5	61,762	38.9
AVERAGE MONTHLY AMOUNT.....	\$272		\$245		\$323	

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TABLE 21  
GROSS EARNED INCOME DISREGARDED IN THE AFDC BUDGET  
OCTOBER 1995

REASON FOR DISREGARD	TOTAL		ASSISTANCE UNITS			
	ASSISTANCE UNITS		FAMILY GROUP		UNEMPLOYED	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL .....	904,655	100.0	746,051	100.0	158,604	100.0
NO DISREGARDED INCOME.....	794,263	87.8	682,104	91.4	112,159	70.7
DISREGARDED INCOME.....	110,392 A/	12.2	63,947 A/	8.6	46,445 A/	29.3
STANDARD WORK EXPENSE.....	109,270	99.0	62,825	98.2	46,445	100.0
\$30 AND 1/3 EXEMPTION.....	109,651	99.3	63,947	100.0	45,704	98.4
INELIGIBLE ALIEN CHILD. ALLOCATION..	741	0.7	0	0.0	741	1.6
DEPENDENT CARE.....	21,810	19.8	21,316	33.3	494	1.1

A/ BECAUSE A CASE MAY HAVE MORE THAN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERISTICS, THE SUM OF THE NUMBERS LISTED BELOW MAY EXCEED THE SUBTOTAL. THE CORRESPONDING PERCENTAGES ARE CALCULATED TO THAT SUBTOTAL.

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TABLE 21A  
AVERAGE MONTHLY AMOUNT OF GROSS EARNED INCOME  
DISREGARDED IN THE AFDC BUDGET  
OCTOBER 1995

REASON FOR DISREGARD	TOTAL				ASSISTANCE UNITS			
	ASSISTANCE UNITS				FAMILY GROUP		UNEMPLOYED	
	AVERAGE	PERCENT	AVERAGE	PERCENT	AVERAGE	PERCENT	AVERAGE	PERCENT
TOTAL .....	NA *	100.0	NA *	100.0	NA *		NA *	100.0
NO DISREGARDED INCOME.....	NA *	87.8	NA *	91.4	NA *		NA *	70.7
DISREGARDED INCOME.....	\$302 A/	12.2	\$315 A/	8.6	\$284 A/	29.3		
STANDARD WORK EXPENSE.....	\$93	99.0	\$90	98.2	\$98			100.0
\$30 AND 1/3 EXEMPTION.....	\$171	99.3	\$162	100.0	\$185			98.4
INELIGIBLE ALIEN CHILD. ALLOCATION..	\$168	0.7	\$0	0.0	\$168			1.6
DEPENDENT CARE.....	\$194	19.8	\$195	33.3	\$148			1.1

\* NOT APPLICABLE

A/ THE AVERAGES FOR THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERISTICS ARE CALCULATED BASED ON THE NUMBERS IN THE CORRESPONDING CATEGORIES ON TABLE 21.

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TABLE 22  
PERSON(S) IN ASSISTANCE UNIT HOLDING TWO OR MORE JOBS  
IN PAST TWO YEARS  
OCTOBER 1995

TWO OR MORE JOBS	TOTAL		ASSISTANCE UNITS			
	ASSISTANCE UNITS		FAMILY GROUP		UNEMPLOYED	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL .....	904,655	100.0	746,051	100.0	158,604	100.0
NO ONE HELD TWO OR MORE JOBS.....	701,167	77.5	591,231	79.2	109,936	69.3
UNK IF ANYONE HELD 2 OR MORE JOBS...	148,986	16.5	124,529	16.7	24,458	15.4
PERSON(S) HELD TWO OR MORE JOBS.....	54,501	6.0	30,291	4.1	24,211	15.3

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TABLE 23  
SELF-EMPLOYED PERSON(S) IN THE ASSISTANCE UNIT  
OCTOBER 1995

SELF-EMPLOYED	TOTAL		ASSISTANCE UNITS			
	ASSISTANCE UNITS		FAMILY GROUP		UNEMPLOYED	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL .....	904,655	100.0	746,051	100.0	158,604	100.0
NO ONE IS SELF-EMPLOYED.....	861,364	95.2	712,395	95.5	148,969	93.9
UNKNOWN IF ANYONE IS SELF-EMPLOYED..	28,387	3.1	24,681	3.3	3,706	2.3
PERSON(S) SELF-EMPLOYED.....	14,904	1.6	8,975	1.2	5,929	3.7

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TABLE 23A  
SELF-EMPLOYED GROSS EARNINGS PER MONTH  
OCTOBER 1995

INCOME PER AU	TOTAL		ASSISTANCE UNITS					
	ASSISTANCE UNITS		FAMILY GROUP			UNEMPLOYED		
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	
TOTAL .....	904,655	100.0	746,051	100.0		158,604	100.0	
NO SELF-EMPLOYED INCOME.....	889,751	98.4	737,076	98.8		152,675	96.3	
SELF-EMPLOYED INCOME.....	14,904	1.6	8,975	1.2	100.0	5,929	3.7	100.0
LESS THAN \$100.....	3,479	23.3	2,244		25.0	1,235		20.8
\$100 - \$199.....	2,110	14.2	1,122		12.5	988		16.7
\$200 - \$299.....	4,220	28.3	2,244		25.0	1,976		33.3
\$300 - \$399.....	494	3.3	0		0.0	494		8.3
\$400 - \$499.....	2,244	15.1	2,244		25.0	0		0.0
\$500 - \$599.....	741	5.0	0		0.0	741		12.5
\$600 - \$699.....	247	1.7	0		0.0	247		4.2
\$700 - \$799.....	1,122	7.5	1,122		12.5	0		0.0
\$800 OR MORE.....	247	1.7	0		0.0	247		4.2
AVERAGE INCOME.....		\$290		\$295			\$282	



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TABLE 24  
GOVERNMENTAL RENT OR HOUSING SUBSIDY RECEIVED DURING THE MONTH  
OCTOBER 1995

RENT/HOUSING SUBSIDY	TOTAL		ASSISTANCE UNITS			
	ASSISTANCE UNITS		FAMILY GROUP		UNEMPLOYED	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL .....	904,655	100.0	746,051	100.0	158,604	100.0
NO RENT/HOUSING SUBSIDY RECEIVED.....	681,386	75.3	562,062	75.3	119,324	75.2
UNKNOWN IF RENT/HOUSING SUBSIDY RECD..	175,758	19.4	148,088	19.8	27,669	17.4
RENT/HOUSING SUBSIDY RECEIVED.....	47,511 A/	5.3	35,900 A/	4.8	11,611 A/	7.3
HUD.....	33,081	69.6	24,681	68.8	8,400	72.3
LOCAL HOUSING AUTHORITY.....	7,339	15.4	5,609	15.6	1,729	14.9
SECTION 8.....	247	0.5	0	0.0	247	2.1

A/ BECAUSE A CASE MAY HAVE MORE THAN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERISTICS, THE SUM OF THE NUMBERS LISTED BELOW MAY EXCEED THE SUBTOTAL. THE CORRESPONDING PERCENTAGES ARE CALCULATED TO THAT SUBTOTAL.

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TABLE 24A  
RENT OR MORTGAGE PAYMENTS MADE DURING THE MONTH  
OCTOBER 1995

RENT/MORTGAGE PAYMENTS	TOTAL		ASSISTANCE UNITS			
	ASSISTANCE UNITS		FAMILY GROUP		UNEMPLOYED	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL .....	904,655	100.0	746,051	100.0	158,604	100.0
NO RENT/MORTGAGE PAID.....	61,776	6.8	56,094	7.5	5,682	3.6
UNKNOWN IF RENT/MORTGAGE PAID.....	71,873	7.9	66,191	8.9	5,682	3.6
RENT/MORTGAGE PAID DURING THE MONTH...	771,006	85.2	623,766	83.6	147,240	92.8
UNDER \$100.....	28,140	3.6	24,681	4.0	3,459	2.3
\$100 - \$199.....	121,134	15.7	104,335	16.7	16,799	11.4
\$200 - \$299.....	143,418	18.6	123,407	19.8	20,011	13.6
\$300 - \$399.....	179,411	23.3	155,941	25.0	23,469	15.9
\$400 - \$499.....	148,431	19.3	117,798	18.9	30,634	20.8
\$500 - \$599.....	75,570	9.8	51,607	8.3	23,964	16.3
\$600 - \$699.....	51,043	6.6	30,291	4.9	20,752	14.1
\$700 - \$799.....	16,540	2.1	12,341	2.0	4,200	2.9
\$800 OR MORE.....	7,318	0.9	3,366	0.5	3,953	2.7
AVERAGE AMOUNT.....		\$347		\$330		\$420

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TABLE 25  
UTILITY COSTS DURING THE MONTH  
OCTOBER 1995

UTILITIES	TOTAL		ASSISTANCE UNITS			
	ASSISTANCE UNITS		FAMILY GROUP		UNEMPLOYED	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL .....	904,655	100.0	746,051	100.0	158,604	100.0
NO UTILITY COSTS.....	313,080	34.6	280,470	37.6	32,610	20.6
UNKNOWN IF ANY UTILITY COSTS.....	135,852	15.0	120,041	16.1	15,811	10.0
UTILITY COSTS DURING THE MONTH.....	455,722	50.4	345,539	46.3	110,183	69.5
UNDER \$20.....	8,955	2.0	6,731	1.9	2,223	2.0
\$20 - \$39.....	34,337	7.5	26,925	7.8	7,411	6.7
\$40 - \$59.....	36,447	8.0	28,047	8.1	8,400	7.6
\$60 - \$79.....	42,437	9.3	34,778	10.1	7,658	7.0
\$80 - \$99.....	29,108	6.4	22,438	6.5	6,670	6.1
\$100 - \$119.....	36,467	8.0	30,291	8.8	6,176	5.6
\$120 - \$139.....	9,449	2.1	6,731	1.9	2,718	2.5
\$140 - \$159.....	248,581	54.5	182,867	52.9	65,714	59.6
\$160 - \$179.....	2,985	0.7	2,244	0.6	741	0.7
\$180 - \$199.....	4,354	1.0	3,366	1.0	988	0.9
\$200 - \$219.....	1,616	0.4	1,122	0.3	494	0.4
\$220 OR MORE.....	988	0.2	0	0.0	988	0.9
AVERAGE AMOUNT.....	\$114		\$113		\$120	

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TABLE 26  
ASSISTANCE UNITS WITH CITIZEN CHILDREN  
OF UNDOCUMENTED ALIEN PARENTS  
OCTOBER 1995

NUMBER OF CITIZEN CHILDREN	TOTAL		ASSISTANCE UNITS					
	ASSISTANCE UNITS		FAMILY GROUP			UNEMPLOYED		
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL .....	904,655	100.0	746,051	100.0	158,604	100.0		
NO UNDOCUMENTED ALIEN PARENTS.....	809,705	89.5	668,641	89.6	141,064	88.9		
CITIZEN CHILDREN OF UNDOC. PARENTS....	94,950	10.5	77,410	10.4	17,540	11.1		100.0
ONE.....	38,597	40.7	33,656	43.5	4,941	28.2		
TWO.....	31,979	33.7	25,803	33.3	6,176	35.2		
THREE.....	15,913	16.8	11,219	14.5	4,694	26.8		
FOUR.....	6,217	6.5	4,488	5.8	1,729	9.9		
FIVE.....	1,122	1.2	1,122	1.4	0	0.0		
SIX.....	1,122	1.2	1,122	1.4	0	0.0		
AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN.....		2.0		1.9		2.2		

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TABLE 27  
RELATIONSHIP OF CARETAKER RELATIVE TO OLDEST CHILD IN THE AU  
OCTOBER 1995

RELATIONSHIP	TOTAL		ASSISTANCE UNITS			
	ASSISTANCE UNITS		FAMILY GROUP		UNEMPLOYED	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL .....	904,655	100.0	746,051	100.0	158,604	100.0
NO CARETAKER RELATIVE A/.....	854,170	94.4	695,566	93.2	158,604	100.0
CARETAKER RELATIVE.....	50,485	5.6	50,485	6.8	0	0.0
GRANDPARENT OR GREAT GRANDPARENT....	37,022	73.3	37,022	73.3	0	0.0
AUNT/UNCLE OR GREAT AUNT/UNCLE.....	10,097	20.0	10,097	20.0	0	0.0
SIBLING.....	2,244	4.4	2,244	4.4	0	0.0
COUSIN.....	1,122	2.2	1,122	2.2	0	0.0

A/ CHILD(REN) LIVE(S) WITH PARENT(S).

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TABLE 28  
CARETAKER RELATIVE CARING FOR DEPENDENT(S) OR WARD(S) OF THE COURT  
OCTOBER 1995

DEPENDENT OR WARD	TOTAL		ASSISTANCE UNITS			
	ASSISTANCE UNITS		FAMILY GROUP		UNEMPLOYED	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL .....	904,655	100.0	746,051	100.0	158,604	100.0
NO CARETAKER RELATIVE A/.....	854,170	94.4	695,566	93.2	158,604	100.0
CARETAKER RELATIVE.....	50,485	5.6	50,485	6.8	0	0.0
CHILD(REN) WARD(S) OF THE COURT.....	2,244	4.4	2,244	4.4	0	0.0
CHILD(REN) DEPENDENT(S) OF THE COURT	48,241	95.6	48,241	95.6	0	0.0

A/ CHILD(REN) LIVE(S) WITH PARENT(S).

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TABLE 29  
CHILD CARE COSTS PAID BY THE ASSISTANCE UNIT  
OCTOBER 1995

AMOUNT	TOTAL		ASSISTANCE UNITS			
	ASSISTANCE UNITS		FAMILY GROUP		UNEMPLOYED	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL .....	904,655	100.0	746,051	100.0	158,604	100.0
NO CHILD CARE COSTS.....	849,209	93.9	693,323	92.9	155,886	98.3
CHILD CARE COSTS.....	27,913	3.1	26,925	3.6	988	0.6
UNKNOWN IF CHILD CARE WAS PAID.....	27,533	3.0	25,803	3.5	1,729	1.1

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TABLE 30  
GENDER OF TEEN PARENT IN THE ASSISTANCE UNIT A/  
OCTOBER 1995

GENDER	TOTAL		PERSONS			
	PERSONS		FAMILY GROUP		UNEMPLOYED	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL .....	2,647,697	100.0	2,000,339	100.0	647,358	100.0
MALE.....	471	0.0	0	0.0	471	0.1
FEMALE.....	21,021	0.8	18,903	0.9	2,119	0.3
NO TEEN PARENT UNDER 19 YEARS.....	2,626,205	99.2	1,981,436	99.1	644,769	99.6

A/ INCLUDES AUS IN WHICH THERE IS A TEENAGE CUSTODIAL PARENT OR A PREGNANT TEENAGER UNDER 19 YEARS OLD.



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TABLE 31  
SCHOOL ATTENDANCE OF TEEN PARENT IN THE ASSISTANCE UNIT A/  
OCTOBER 1995

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	TOTAL		PERSONS			
	PERSONS		FAMILY GROUP		UNEMPLOYED	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL .....	2,647,697	100.0	2,000,339	100.0	647,358	100.0
ATTENDS SCHOOL.....	8,895	0.3	8,895	0.4	0	0.0
DOES NOT ATTEND SCHOOL B/.....	6,030	0.2	5,560	0.3	471	0.1
UNKNOWN .....	6,566	0.2	4,448	0.2	2,119	0.3
NO TEEN PARENT UNDER 19 YEARS.....	2,626,205	99.2	1,981,436	99.1	644,769	99.6

A/ INCLUDES AUS IN WHICH THERE IS A TEENAGE CUSTODIAL PARENT OR A PREGNANT TEENAGER UNDER 19 YEARS OLD.

B/ INCLUDES TEENS WHO HAVE GRADUATED.

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TABLE 32  
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION STATUS OF EACH TEEN PARENT  
IN THE ASSISTANCE UNIT A/  
OCTOBER 1995

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE (OR EQUIVALENT)	TOTAL PERSONS		PERSONS			
	PERSONS		FAMILY GROUP		UNEMPLOYED	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL .....	2,647,697	100.0	2,000,339	100.0	647,358	100.0
PERSONS IN AU OTHER THAN TEEN PARENTS.	2,626,205	99.2	1,981,436	99.1	644,769	99.6
TEEN PARENT UNDER 19 IN AU.....	21,492	0.8	18,903	0.9	2,589	0.4
GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL.....	3,336	15.5	3,336	17.6	0	0.0
DID NOT GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL B/	13,814	64.3	13,343	70.6	471	18.2
UNKNOWN.....	4,342	20.2	2,224	11.8	2,119	81.8

A/ INCLUDES AUS IN WHICH THERE IS A TEENAGE CUSTODIAL PARENT OR A PREGNANT TEENAGER UNDER 19 YEARS OLD.

B/ THIS NUMBER INCLUDES TEENS STILL IN SCHOOL WHO ARE NOT OLD ENOUGH TO GRADUATE.

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TABLE 33  
ABSENT PARENT IDENTIFICATION  
OCTOBER 1995

IDENTIFICATION	TOTAL		ASSISTANCE UNITS			
	ASSISTANCE UNITS		FAMILY GROUP		UNEMPLOYED	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL .....	904,655	100.0	746,051	100.0	158,604	100.0
NOT APPLICABLE A/.....	203,087	22.4	56,094	7.5	146,993	92.7
ABSENT PARENT IDENTIFIED.....	569,320	62.9	558,697	74.9	10,623	6.7
ABSENT PARENT NOT IDENTIFIED.....	108,442	12.0	107,701	14.4	741	0.5
UNKNOWN IF ABSENT PARENT IDENTIFIED.	23,807	2.6	23,560	3.2	247	0.2

A/ INCLUDES CASES WHERE BOTH ADULTS IN THE AU ARE THE NATURAL PARENTS OF ALL CHILDREN IN THE AU, OR ONE PARENT IS DECEASED, ETC.

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TABLE 34  
INFORMATION ON ABSENT PARENT  
OCTOBER 1995

INFORMATION	TOTAL		ASSISTANCE UNITS			
	ASSISTANCE UNITS		FAMILY GROUP		UNEMPLOYED	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL .....	904,655 A/		746,051 A/		158,604 A/	
NOT APPLICABLE B/.....						
DATE OF BIRTH.....	843,085	93.2	685,469	91.9	157,616	99.4
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER.....	42,498	4.7	41,510	5.6	988	0.6
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS.....	26,050	2.9	25,803	3.5	247	0.2
LOCATION.....	20,935	2.3	20,194	2.7	741	0.5
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION.....	20,935	2.3	20,194	2.7	741	0.5
PARTIAL NAME.....	7,853	0.9	7,853	1.1	0	0.0
DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER.....	6,731	0.7	6,731	0.9	0	0.0
EMPLOYMENT HISTORY.....	3,366	0.4	3,366	0.5	0	0.0
OTHER.....	1,122	0.1	1,122	0.2	0	0.0
	3,366	0.4	3,366	0.5	0	0.0

A/ BECAUSE A CASE MAY HAVE MORE THAN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERISTICS, THE SUM OF THE NUMBERS BELOW MAY EXCEED THE TOTAL. THE CORRESPONDING PERCENTAGES ARE CALCULATED TO THE TOTAL.

B/ INCLUDES CASES WHERE BOTH ADULTS IN THE AU ARE THE NATURAL PARENTS OF ALL THE CHILDREN IN THE AU, ONE PARENT IS DECEASED, MOTHER IS PREGNANT WITH NO OTHER CHILDREN, OR THE ABSENT PARENT WAS IDENTIFIED.

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TABLE 35  
LENGTH OF TIME ON AID SINCE MOST RECENT CASE OPENING  
OCTOBER 1995

TIME ON AID	TOTAL		ASSISTANCE UNITS			
	ASSISTANCE UNITS		FAMILY GROUP		UNEMPLOYED	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL .....	904,655	100.0	746,051	100.0	158,604	100.0
LESS THAN 6 MONTHS.....	90,390	10.0	78,532	10.5	11,858	7.5
6 MONTHS TO LESS THAN 1 YEAR.....	122,195	13.5	98,726	13.2	23,469	14.8
1 YEAR TO LESS THAN 2 YEARS.....	165,640	18.3	135,748	18.2	29,893	18.8
2 YEARS TO LESS THAN 3 YEARS.....	154,555	17.1	125,651	16.8	28,904	18.2
3 YEARS TO LESS THAN 4 YEARS.....	75,271	8.3	59,460	8.0	15,811	10.0
4 YEARS TO LESS THAN 5 YEARS.....	59,091	6.5	45,997	6.2	13,093	8.3
5 YEARS TO LESS THAN 6 YEARS.....	57,876	6.4	48,241	6.5	9,635	6.1
6 YEARS TO LESS THAN 7 YEARS.....	41,068	4.5	33,656	4.5	7,411	4.7
7 YEARS TO LESS THAN 8 YEARS.....	24,394	2.7	20,194	2.7	4,200	2.6
8 YEARS TO LESS THAN 9 YEARS.....	23,045	2.5	21,316	2.9	1,729	1.1
9 YEARS TO LESS THAN 10 YEARS.....	25,649	2.8	22,438	3.0	3,212	2.0
10 YEARS OR MORE.....	65,482	7.2	56,094	7.5	9,388	5.9
MEDIAN MONTHS.....	29.0		29.0		29.0	

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TABLE 36  
TOTAL TIME ON AID A/  
OCTOBER 1995

TIME ON AID	TOTAL		ASSISTANCE UNITS			
	ASSISTANCE UNITS		FAMILY GROUP		UNEMPLOYED	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL .....	904,655	100.0	746,051	100.0	158,604	100.0
LESS THAN 6 MONTHS.....	50,177	5.5	43,753	5.9	6,423	4.0
6 MONTHS TO LESS THAN 1 YEAR.....	89,114	9.9	74,044	9.9	15,070	9.5
1 YEAR TO LESS THAN 2 YEARS.....	142,575	15.8	112,188	15.0	30,387	19.2
2 YEARS TO LESS THAN 3 YEARS.....	151,076	16.7	123,407	16.5	27,669	17.4
3 YEARS TO LESS THAN 4 YEARS.....	83,731	9.3	66,191	8.9	17,540	11.1
4 YEARS TO LESS THAN 5 YEARS.....	73,902	8.2	58,338	7.8	15,564	9.8
5 YEARS TO LESS THAN 6 YEARS.....	71,946	8.0	60,582	8.1	11,364	7.2
6 YEARS TO LESS THAN 7 YEARS.....	49,281	5.4	40,388	5.4	8,894	5.6
7 YEARS TO LESS THAN 8 YEARS.....	32,721	3.6	25,803	3.5	6,917	4.4
8 YEARS TO LESS THAN 9 YEARS.....	34,264	3.8	32,535	4.4	1,729	1.1
9 YEARS TO LESS THAN 10 YEARS.....	29,509	3.3	25,803	3.5	3,706	2.3
10 YEARS TO LESS THAN 11 YEARS.....	20,040	2.2	16,828	2.3	3,212	2.0
11 YEARS TO LESS THAN 12 YEARS.....	16,427	1.8	13,463	1.8	2,965	1.9
12 YEARS TO LESS THAN 17 YEARS.....	52,420	5.8	45,997	6.2	6,423	4.0
17 YEARS OR MORE.....	7,472	0.8	6,731	0.9	741	0.5
MEDIAN MONTHS.....	39.0		39.0		35.0	

A/ THE LENGTH OF TIME ON AID MAY OR MAY NOT INCLUDE BREAKS IN AID.

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TABLE 37  
TOTAL NUMBER OF INSTANCES ON AID  
OCTOBER 1995

NUMBER OF INSTANCES	TOTAL		ASSISTANCE UNITS			
	ASSISTANCE UNITS		FAMILY GROUP		UNEMPLOYED	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL .....	904,655	100.0	746,051	100.0	158,604	100.0
ONE.....	673,306	74.4	556,453	74.6	116,853	73.7
TWO.....	137,614	15.2	109,944	14.7	27,669	17.4
THREE.....	42,550	4.7	33,656	4.5	8,894	5.6
FOUR.....	28,274	3.1	25,803	3.5	2,470	1.6
FIVE.....	9,963	1.1	8,975	1.2	988	0.6
SIX.....	5,970	0.7	4,488	0.6	1,482	0.9
SEVEN OR MORE.....	6,978	0.8	6,731	0.9	247	0.2
AVERAGE NUMBER OF INSTANCES.....	1.5		1.5		1.4	

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TABLE 38  
PERSON(S) IN THE AU WHO LIVED IN ANOTHER COUNTRY  
WITHIN THE PAST FIVE YEARS  
OCTOBER 1995

COUNTRY	TOTAL		ASSISTANCE UNITS			
	ASSISTANCE UNITS		FAMILY GROUP		UNEMPLOYED	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL .....	904,655	100.0	746,051	100.0	158,604	100.0
NO ONE LIVED IN ANOTHER COUNTRY.....	646,523	71.5	545,234	73.1	101,289	63.9
UNK IF ANYONE LIVED IN OTHER COUNTRY	230,721	25.5	188,476	25.3	42,245	26.6
PERSON(S) LIVED IN ANOTHER COUNTRY..	27,411	3.0	12,341	1.7	15,070	9.5



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TABLE 39  
PERSON(S) IN THE AU WHO LIVED IN ANOTHER STATE  
WITHIN THE PAST TWELVE MONTHS  
OCTOBER 1995

STATE	TOTAL				ASSISTANCE UNITS			
	ASSISTANCE UNITS		FAMILY GROUP		UNEMPLOYED			
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT		
TOTAL .....	904,655	100.0	746,051	100.0	158,604	100.0		
NO ONE LIVED IN ANOTHER STATE.....	759,796	84.0	627,132	84.1	132,664	83.6		
UNK IF ANYONE LIVED IN ANOTHER STATE	135,524	15.0	111,066	14.9	24,458	15.4		
PERSON(S) LIVED IN ANOTHER STATE....	9,335	1.0	7,853	1.1	1,482	0.9		

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TABLE 40  
RELATIONSHIP OF SSI/SSP RECIPIENT TO AU HEAD OF THE HOUSEHOLD A/  
OCTOBER 1995

RELATIONSHIP	TOTAL		ASSISTANCE UNITS			
	ASSISTANCE UNITS		FAMILY GROUP		UNEMPLOYED	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL .....	904,655	100.0	746,051	100.0	158,604	100.0
NO SSI/SSP RECIPIENT IN THE HOUSEHOLD.	796,428	88.0	648,447	86.9	147,981	93.3
SSI/SSP RECIPIENT(S) IN THE HOUSEHOLD.	108,227	12.0	97,604	13.1	10,623	6.7
CHILD.....	25,516	23.6	21,316	21.8	4,200	39.5
PARENT.....	41,376	38.2	40,388	41.4	988	9.3
SPOUSE.....	19,926	18.4	17,950	18.4	1,976	18.6
GRANDPARENT.....	13,823	12.8	12,341	12.6	1,482	14.0
SIBLING.....	2,110	1.9	1,122	1.1	988	9.3
OTHER.....	5,229	4.8	4,488	4.6	741	7.0
UNKNOWN.....	247	0.2	0	0.0	247	2.3

A/ IF THIS IS A CHILD ONLY CASE, THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE SSI/SSP RECIPIENT IS TO THE OLDEST CHILD IN THE AU.

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TABLE 41  
SSI/SSP RECIPIENT IN THE AU HOUSEHOLD  
OCTOBER 1995

SSI/SSP RECIPIENT(S)	TOTAL		ASSISTANCE UNITS			
	ASSISTANCE UNITS		FAMILY GROUP		UNEMPLOYED	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL .....	904,655	A/	746,051	A/	158,604	A/
NO SSI/SSP RECIPIENT.....	796,428	88.0	648,447	86.9	147,981	93.3
ADULT SSI/SSP RECIPIENT.....	88,434	9.8	80,775	10.8	7,658	4.8
CHILD SSI/SSP RECIPIENT.....	26,504	2.9	21,316	2.9	5,188	3.3

A/ BECAUSE A CASE MAY HAVE MORE THAN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERISTICS, THE SUM OF THE NUMBERS BELOW MAY EXCEED THE TOTAL. THE CORRESPONDING PERCENTAGES ARE CALCULATED TO THE TOTAL.

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TABLE 42  
ASSISTANCE UNITS RECEIVING HOMELESS ASSISTANCE (HA)  
OCTOBER 1995

HOMELESS ASSISTANCE	TOTAL		ASSISTANCE UNITS			
	ASSISTANCE UNITS		FAMILY GROUP		UNEMPLOYED	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL .....	904,655	100.0	746,051	100.0	158,604	100.0
NO HA RECEIVED IN THE STUDY MONTH...	854,385	94.4	705,663	94.6	148,722	93.8
UNKNOWN IF HA RECEIVED IN STUDY MONTH	41,181	4.6	32,535	4.4	8,647	5.5
HA RECEIVED IN THE STUDY MONTH.....	9,088	1.0	7,853	1.1	1,235	0.8

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A. Case Number

B. County

Co. Aid Serial

C. Case Name

Last

First

M.

**Please refer to the attached instructions**

## **BASIS OF DEPRIVATION**

("X" all that apply)

1. Parent(s) absent but not dead, incarcerated or institutionalized ..... ☐ 01
2. Parent(s) deceased ..... ☐ 02
3. Parent(s) deported ..... ☐ 03
4. Parent(s) incarcerated ..... ☐ 04
5. Parent(s) institutionalized ..... ☐ 05
6. Incapacitated parent in home:
  - a. Recipient in this AU ..... ☐ 06
  - b. Not a recipient in this AU ..... ☐ 07

For Aid Code 35 cases only:

7. Unemployment deprivation based on:
  - a. Father who is the principal wage earner ..... ☐ 08
  - b. Mother who is the principal wage earner ..... ☐ 09
8. Case did not meet the federal definition of "Unemployed Parent" in Item 7 due to pregnancy. (No other eligible children and not in last trimester)..... ☐ 10

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

"X" all that apply and include in Item 13 count

9. Unrelated Adult in the home ..... ☐ 11
10. Stepparent in the home:
  - a. Recipient in this AU ..... ☐ 12
  - b. Not a recip. in this AU .... ☐ 13
11. Nonneedy Relative is the Caretaker ..... ☐ 14
12. Multiple Grant Household:
  - a. SSI/SSP ..... ☐ 15
  - b. Another AFDC AU ..... ☐ 16
  - c. Cash General Assistance ..... ☐ 17
  - d. Foster Care ..... ☐ 18
  - e. Refugee Cash Assistance ..... ☐ 19

## **HOUSEHOLD AND AU COMPOSITION**

Enter the correct numbers: Unborn Child Adults Children Total Persons

13. Household composition ..... + + =

14. AU composition ..... + =

If no adult in the AU, indicate the reason:

- a. Undocumented Alien Parent(s) ..... ☐ 1
- b. Other .....

## **TOTAL NET NONEXEMPT INCOME**

### **USED TO COMPUTE THE OCTOBER GRANT**

16. No income received in the budget month  
"X" the box and skip to Item 27 ..... ☐ 1
17. Total earnings of AU:
  - a. Person Number .....
  - b. Hours worked .....
  - c. Gross earnings .....
  - d. SDI benefits .....
  - e. Total Earnings  
(Items 17c + 17d) ..... + =
18. Late CA 7, income disregards not allowed  
"X" the box and enter 0 in Item 19e ..... ☐ 1
19. Income disregards allowed:
  - a. Standard work expense .....
  - b. \$30 and 1/3 .....
  - c. Inelig. alien child. unmet needs alloc ....
  - d. Dependent care .....
  - e. Total deductions (sum of items 19a-d) .....
20. Net nonexempt earnings (Item 17e minus Item 19e)
21. Unemployment Insurance Benefits (UIB) .....
22. Social Security .....
23. Cash contributions from persons not in the AU:
  - a. Absent Parent(s) .....
  - b. Unemployed parent .....
  - c. Stepparent .....
  - d. Excluded person .....
  - e. Other (specify) .....
24. Other unearned income:
 

CDSS

  
 (specify) ..... 

CDSS
25. Income in kind .....
26. Total net nonexempt income (Items 20 through 25) .....

## **GRANT COMPUTATION**

27. Is this case participating in the California Work Pays Demonstration Project as a control case? ..... YES NO  
☐ 1 ☐ 2
28. Minimum Basic Standard of Adequate Care .....
29. Special Needs (Other than Homeless) .....
  - a. Pregnancy ..... ☐ 1
  - b. Nonrecurring ..... ☐ 2
  - c. Recurring ..... ☐ 3
30. Potential Grant or prorated amount .....  
If prorated, "X" the box ..... ☐ 1
31. Actual Grant (Lesser of MAP plus Special Needs or the Potential Grant) .....
32. Overpayment Adjustment .....
33. Monthly Aid Payment (Item 31 minus Item 32) .....

15. Assistance Unit "X" the appropriate box in each category	Person #	Born out of Wedlock			Legal Paternity Estab			AU Head	Federal Elig. Non- Esst.			Citizen		Date of Birth			Ethnic Cd	Social Security Number			NA
		1	2	9	1	2	9		Fed.	Fed.	Pers.	Yes	No	Mo.	Day	Yr.		Enter the Social Security Number for each AU member listed. If there is none, put an "X" in the NA box.			
Mother	50																				
Father	60	Y		U	Y		U														
Other Relative	70	e	N	n	e	N	n														
Children		s	o	k	s	o	k														
Enter information on the oldest child first. Names are not needed.	01																				
	02																				
	03																				
	04																				
	05																				
	06																				
	07																				
	08																				

**LENGTH OF TIME ON AID**

MO DAY YR

34. Date of most recent AFDC approval .....
35. Number of other AFDC approvals prior to Item 34.  
Include other states and Calif. counties, if known .....
36. Total number of months on AFDC for approvals  
indicated in Item 35 .....

**CARETAKER RELATIVE**

Answer only if Item #11 is checked or if Item #15 lists Person # 70:

37. What is the relationship between the caretaker relative  
and the oldest child in the AU? X one box only
- a. Grandparent or Great Grandparent ..... ☐ 1
- b. Aunt or Uncle ..... ☐ 2
- c. Step parent ..... ☐ 3
- d. Sibling ..... ☐ 4
- e. Other (Specify) ..... ☐ 5
38. Enter the NUMBER of children in the AU who are a:  CDSS
- a. Dependent of the Court ..... b. Ward of the Court .....

**PRIMARY LANGUAGE SPOKEN**

39. Enter the code for the primary language spoken by the payee .....
1. English 4. Hmong 7. Armenian 9. Unknown
2. Spanish 5. Russian 8. Cambodian
3. Vietnamese 6. Other non-English (specify) .....  CDSS
40. If the payee's primary language is NOT English,  
is the payee able to speak English? ..... ☐ 1 ☐ 2

**MARITAL STATUS OF PARENT(S) IN THE HOME**

41. Enter the code indicating the marital status Mother Father  
of the parent(s) IN THE HOME .....
- In the AU Not in the AU
01. Married 05. Divorced 07. Married 12. Divorced
02. Separated 06. Widowed 08. Separated 13. Widowed
03. Common Law 10. Common Law
04. Never Married 09. Unknown 11. Never Married 99. Unknown

**RESIDENCY**

42. Did anyone in the AU live in another COUNTRY  
in the past five years? ..... ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 9
- If NO or UNK, skip to Item 43. If YES:
- a. Enter the Country .....  CDSS
- b. Date of arrival in the United States (mo/day/yr).....
43. Did anyone in the AU live in another STATE  
in the past twelve months? ..... ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 9
- If NO or UNK, skip to Item 44. If YES:
- a. Enter the State .....  CDSS
- b. Date of arrival in California (mo/day/yr) .....

**SSI/SSP RECIPIENTS**

44. Number of family members in the household receiving SSI/SSP: NONE
- a. Adult receiving benefits ..... ☐ 1
- b. Child receiving benefits ..... ☐ 1
- If NONE, skip to Item 48. If YES, see instructions and:
45. Enter the SSI/SSP recipient's: MO DAY YR
- a. Date of Birth .....
- b. Social Security Number .....
46. Enter the code for the relationship of the SSI/SSP recipient  
to the AU Head. If this is a Child-Only case, enter the relationship  
of the SSI/SSP recipient to the oldest child in the AU .....
1. Parent 4. Child 7. Sibling
2. Grandparent 5. Spouse 9. Unknown
3. Grandchild 6. Other (specify) .....  CDSS
47. If the SSI/SSP recipient is a child, does the adult in the AU  
receive wages for providing IHSS to the child? ..... ☐ 1 ☐ 2

**HOMELESS ASSISTANCE**

48. How many times, including this eligibility, has the AU  
received Homeless Assistance since February 1988? ..... UNK ☐ 9
49. Did the AU receive Homeless Assistance in the  
survey month? (Permanent, temporary or both) ..... YES NO UNK ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 9

**CHILD CARE**

50. In August 1995, did the AU pay for child care for a child  
who is a member of the AU? ..... YES NO UNK ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 9
- If NO or UNK, skip to Item 52. If YES:
51. Enter the child's Person Number from Item 15 and provide the following  
information for each child receiving child care:
- a. Child's Person No. ....
- b. Child Care Payment .....
- c. Supp Child Care Pmt .....

**EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION**

52. Is anyone in the AU self-employed? ..... YES NO UNK ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 9
- If NO or UNK, skip to Item 53. If YES:
- a. Enter the person number .....
- b. Enter gross earnings for the month .....
53. Has anyone in the AU held two or more jobs within  
the previous two years? ..... YES NO UNK ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 9
- If NO or UNK, skip to Item 54. If YES:
- a. Enter the person number .....
- b. Enter the number of jobs held .....

**TEENAGE PARENTS**

54. Does the AU contain a custodial teenage parent  
or a pregnant teenager under 19 years old? ..... YES NO ☐ 1 ☐ 2
- If NO, skip to Item 56. If YES, complete the following:
- | Person No.   | Sex   | Attends School? | H. S. Grad or Equiv? | Dependent of Court? | Lives with Parent(s)? | Age(s) of Teen Parent's Child(ren) |
|--------------|-------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| from Item 15 | M F   | yes no unky     | yes no unky          | yes no unky         | yes no unky           | Child Child Child                  |
| 1 2          | 1 2 9 | 1 2 9           | 1 2 9                | 1 2 9               | 1 2 9                 | 1 2 3                              |
- a. ....
- b. ....
55. Enter the birthdate of the father of the  
teenage mother's child? ..... MO DAY YR UNK ☐ 9

**CHILD SUPPORT**

56. At the time of the most recent application for AFDC,  
did the person applying for aid identify the absent  
parent(s) of the child(ren) to be aided? ..... YES NO UNK ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 9
- If YES, skip to Item 58. If NO or UNK:
57. The adult in the AU provided the following information  
on the absent parent: "X" all that apply
- a. Date of Birth ..... ☐ 1
- b. Driver's License Number ..... ☐ 2
- c. Location ..... ☐ 3
- d. Last known address ..... ☐ 4
- e. Social Security Number ..... ☐ 5
- f. Other (Specify) .....  CDSS ☐ 6

**HOUSING AND UTILITIES**

58. Did the AU make rent or mortgage payments during  
the budget month? ..... YES NO UNK ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 9
- If NO or UNK, skip to Item 60. If YES:
59. Enter the amount of rent or mortgage paid by the AU  
during the budget month .....
60. Did the AU receive a governmental rent or housing  
subsidy during the budget month? ..... YES NO UNK ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 9
- If NO or UNK, skip to Item 62. If YES:
61. Indicate the type and amount of subsidy:
- a. HUD .....  CDSS
- b. Other (specify) .....
62. Did the AU pay utility costs during the  
budget month? ..... YES NO UNK ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 9
- If NO or UNK, skip to Item 64. If YES:
63. Enter the amount of utility costs paid by the AU during  
the budget month .....

64. Your Name (Please Print)	Telephone Number	District #
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COMMENTS: (Attach additional sheets if needed)

Thank You



stepparent, the spouse of an incapacitated caretaker or caretaker relative other than the natural or adoptive parent of the eligible child(ren). Enter information on each child by listing the oldest first (01), next oldest second (02), etc. Indicate with an "X" only one person--Mother, Father, or Other Relative--as the head of the AU (the responsible adult or the payee). Leave blank and explain in the comments section if the head of the AU is not in the AU.

For each child listed, X the appropriate box in the columns Born out of Wedlock and Legal Paternity Established. The boxes are labeled, yes, no and unknown. For example; 1) Enter X in the yes column of the Born out of Wedlock section to indicate that a child was born when the mother was not married and, 2) In a case where the mother was unmarried but the father of the child was identified, enter X in the yes column of the Legal Paternity Established section to indicate that paternity was established.

For each person listed, indicate their federal eligibility status; if he/she is a citizen of the United States; date of birth, ethnic group (see codes below), and social security number (SSN). If the person does not have a SSN, put an "X" in the NA box. If there are more than eight children in the AU, attach another sheet listing each additional child and the required information for each child.

### ETHNIC CODE

- |                                      |                 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. White                             | J. Japanese     |
| 2. Hispanic                          | K. Korean       |
| 3. Black                             | M. Samoan       |
| 4. Other Asian or Pacific Islander   | N. Asian Indian |
| 5. American Indian or Alaskan Native | P. Hawaiian     |
| 7. Filipino                          | R. Guamanian    |
| C. Chinese                           | T. Laotian      |
| H. Cambodian                         | V. Vietnamese   |

**TOTAL NET NONEXEMPT INCOME USED TO COMPUTE THE OCTOBER GRANT** (Items 16-26) - Amounts entered must be the income received that was actually used to compute the October grant. If the case was retrospectively budgeted, use the actual income received in the budget month. If the case was prospectively budgeted, use the estimated amount of income for the study month.

16. **No Income Received in the Budget Month** - Indicate if the AU had no cash or in kind income considered when determining the AFDC aid payment for October. (EAS 44-101)
17. **Total Earnings** - Indicate by using the person number from Item 15 who earned the income, the number of hours worked, and the amount of income earned. Include amounts of advance earned income received or assumed. Enter State Disability Insurance (SDI) benefits on line 17d. Do not enter earnings of children who qualify for the student exemption. Enter the total earnings of the AU, including SDI, on line 17e. (EAS 44-111.22)
18. **Late CA-7, Income Disregards not Allowed** - Indicate if the AU failed to return a timely CA-7 as required by EAS 40-181.22 and the income disregards were not allowed.
19. **Income Disregards Allowed** - Enter the amounts used to compute the net nonexempt earnings. Do not include any amounts passed on to the AU by the District Attorney's office.
20. **Net Nonexempt Earnings** - Subtract Item 19e from Item 17e and enter the difference.



21. **UIB** - Enter Unemployment Insurance Benefits **only** if the person(s) receiving the benefits is in the AU. If the person receiving the UIB is not in the AU but is contributing part of his/her UIB, enter the amount in Item 23b (if a parent) and Item 23e (if not a parent).
22. **Social Security** - Enter social security benefits received by all members of the AU.
23. **Cash Contributions from Persons not in the AU**
  - a. **Absent Parent(s)** - Enter only those absent parent contributions that go directly to the family and the amount is considered income to the AU. Do not include any amounts passed on to the AU from the District Attorney's office.
  - b. **Unemployed Parent** - If an unemployed parent is excluded from the AU, enter the portion of his/her income, including UIB, that is considered income to the AU. (EAS 44-133.3)
  - c. **Stepparent** - Enter the actual amount made available to the AU by an excluded stepparent. (EAS 44-133.6)
  - d. **Excluded Person** - If a person who is required to be in the family unit is excluded from the AU and is not an ineligible alien or recipient of another aid program, enter that portion of the excluded person's income that is considered when computing the AFDC grant.
  - e. **Other (specify)** - Enter any income other than that mentioned in Items 23a-d above that is being contributed by a person living in the household who is not a member of the AU. Specify the relationship of the contributor (e.g., unrelated adult, senior parent of minor parent, ineligible alien parent).
24. **Other Unearned Income** - Enter any unearned income received by the AU not listed above and specify the source of the income (e.g., veteran's benefits).
25. **Income In Kind** - Income in kind refers to living expenses that are provided free and are deducted as income. (EAS 44-101.8)
26. **Total Net Nonexempt Income** - Enter the sum of Items 20 through 25. If for some reason the amount in this item does not equal the sum of Items 20 - 25, please explain in the comments section.

**GRANT COMPUTATION** (Items 27 - 33) - These items correspond in content to items on the AFDC Budget Worksheet, State Form CA30. If items do not balance, please explain in the comments section.

27. **California Work Pays Demonstration Project (CWPDP)** - Indicate with an "X" whether or not this case was participating in the CWPDP as a control case during the study month. Counties participating in the CWPDP are Alameda, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, and San Joaquin. A control case receives a grant based on the MAP and MBSAC in effect September 1, 1992. The CWPDP was formerly referred to as the Assistance Payments Demonstration Project (APDP).
28. **Minimum Basic Standard of Adequate Care (MBSAC)** - Enter the MBSAC for the number of recipients in the AU.

29. **Special Needs (Other than Homeless)** - Enter the amount received and indicate the type(s) of special needs allowed by putting an "X" in the appropriate box(es). Do not include special need payments for homeless. (EAS 44-211)
30. **Potential Grant** - Add Item 28 plus Item 29, then subtract Item 26; or, if prorated, enter the prorated amount and "X" the box indicating that the grant was prorated.
31. **Actual Grant** - Calculate the sum of the Maximum Aid Payment (MAP) plus Special Needs. Enter either this sum or the Potential Grant--whichever amount is less. If a case did not receive a grant, please explain in the comments section.
32. **Overpayment Adjustment in Basic Grant** - If the basic grant was adjusted to compensate for a prior month's overpayment(s), enter the amount of the adjustment.
33. **Monthly Aid Payment** - Enter the difference of Item 31 minus Item 32. This number should represent the total amount of aid paid for the study month.

#### **LENGTH OF TIME ON AID**

34. For the most recent application approval, enter the date the applicant signed the SAWS1 application form.
35. Enter the number of times the applicant has received AFDC prior to this most recent application approval. Include instances where the applicant may have received AFDC in a state other than California, as well as instances in any county within California.
36. Indicate the total number of months that the applicant received AFDC prior to this most recent application approval. This will be the number of months that correspond to the number of instances of aid entered in Item 35.

**CARETAKER RELATIVE** - Complete this section only if there is a caretaker relative involved in this case; Item 11, Nonneedy Relative is the Caretaker, has an entry or, Item 15, Other Relative Person Number 70, has been filled out. If there is more than one child in the AU, complete the information based on the oldest child.

37. Indicate with an "X" the relationship of the caretaker relative to the oldest child in the AU. If "Other" is entered, specify the relationship on the line provided.
38. If a child is living with a caretaker relative because he/she is a dependent or ward of the court, enter the number of children in the appropriate box.

#### **PRIMARY LANGUAGE SPOKEN**

39. Enter the code that indicates the language that is spoken most fluently by the payee. If "Other non-English" is entered, please enter the language spoken.
40. For cases in which the payee's primary language is NOT English, place an "X" in the appropriate box to indicate if the payee can easily understand and speak English.

#### **MARITAL STATUS OF PARENT(S) IN THE HOME**

41. Enter the code indicating the marital status of the mother and father that are living in the home. If the parent(s) is a member of the AU, use the codes in the box on the left. If the parent(s) is NOT a member of the AU, use the codes in the box on the right.

## RESIDENCY

42. Indicate with an "X" if any family member lived in another Country within the past five years. If yes, enter the Country from which they migrated from. Enter the date the family member arrived in the United States. If more than one family member migrated from another Country, complete the information on the person who has been in this country for the least amount of time.
43. Indicate with an "X" if any family member lived in another State within the past twelve months. If yes, enter the State from which they migrated from. Enter the date the family member arrived in California. If more than one family member migrated from another State, complete the information on the person who has been in California for the least amount of time.

## SSI/SSP RECIPIENTS

44. Indicate the number of adults or children in the home receiving SSI/SSP benefits who are related to members of the AU.
45. If there is more than one SSI/SSP recipient, identify the child in a parent/child relationship first, then the oldest child if more than one child. Enter the date of birth and social security number for the SSI/SSP recipient.
46. Enter the code that indicates the relationship of the SSI/SSP recipient to the head of the AU or the oldest child in the AU if this is a Child-Only case. For example, if a single Mom is in the AU with two children and another child is disabled and receiving SSI/SSP benefits, you would enter 4 for child.
47. Indicate if the adult in the AU is receiving wages as an IHSS worker for taking care of the SSI/SSP child.

## HOMELESS ASSISTANCE

48. Identify the number of occurrences since February 1988 that Homeless Assistance has been received by this AU. Include in the count the current eligibility if applying in the survey month.
49. Indicate with an "X" if this AU received Homeless Assistance of any kind, permanent, temporary or both, in the survey month.

## CHILD CARE

50. Indicate with an "X" if the AU paid for the care of a child who was in the Assistance Unit during the month of August 1995. The child care must have been to permit a member of the AU to accept or maintain employment. If the case was prospectively budgeted, indicate if the AU paid for the care of a child who was in the AU during the month of October 1995.
51. If the AU paid child care costs for a child in the AU during the month of August 1995 in order to permit a member of the AU to accept or maintain employment, enter:
  - o child's Person Number from Item 15 (attach an additional sheet of paper if there were more than four children with child care costs)

- o the actual amount (rounded down to the nearest whole dollar) of child care costs paid for each child
- o if the child care costs exceeded the disregard level, enter the amount (rounded down to the nearest whole dollar) of the supplemental child care payment received by the AU

### **EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION**

52. Indicate with an "X" if any person in the AU is self-employed. Examples of self employment are; caring for children in your home, providing yard and garden services, etc. If the answer is YES, enter the person number and amount of gross earnings for the month.
53. Indicate with an "X" if any person in the AU held two or more jobs either consecutively or concurrently within the past two years. Enter the person number and the total number of jobs the person held.

### **TEENAGE PARENTS UNDER 19 YEARS OLD**

54. This section captures information on AUs of teenage parents under the age of 19 who live with their children, as well as pregnant teenagers.

Person Number: Enter the Person Number from Item 15 on the front of this questionnaire.

Sex: Enter "X" under either "M" for male or under "F" for female.

Attends School: Place an "X" to indicate if the person on this line attended a school program leading to a high school diploma (or equivalent) during the budget month.

High School Graduate or Equivalent: Indicate with an "X" if the teenage parent has graduated from high school or its equivalent; i.e., has received a General Education Equivalency certificate or California high school equivalency certificate.

Court Dependent: A court dependent, as used here, is a teenager (parent or pregnant) removed from his/her parents pursuant to a court order, placed in the home of a caretaker relative, and receiving AFDC-FG/U instead of AFDC-FC.

Lives with Parent(s): Indicate with an "X" whether the person on this line lives in the same household with one or both of that person's parents.

Age(s) of Teen Parent's Child(ren): Write the age of each of the teen parent's natural children (do not include stepchildren, if any). For children under one year of age, enter 1. If the teenager is pregnant, then enter 0 for the child's age. If both mother and father are in the AU, list their children only once under the AU head.

55. Enter the date of birth of the father of the teenage mother's child (or unborn child if the teenager is pregnant). If the teenage mother has more than one child, enter the information on the father of the oldest child.

**CHILD SUPPORT** - Complete this section for FG cases or for any U case with child(ren) in the AU that qualify for child support. If multiple absent parents are associated with qualifying children, answer questions that apply to the case for which the least amount of identifying information has been received.

56. Was the person applying for aid able to provide the full name of the absent parent? Enter an "X" in the appropriate box. If the absent parent was identified, do not complete Item 57.
57. Enter an "X" in all boxes that apply. If "Other" is entered, briefly describe the information that was provided.

### **HOUSING AND UTILITIES**

58. Indicate with an "X" if the AU paid rent or mortgage costs during the budget month of August 1995.
59. If the AU paid rent or mortgage costs during August 1995, enter the actual amount paid. If the AU shared housing with another person(s), please enter the share of rent or mortgage costs actually paid by the AU.
60. Indicate with an "X" if the AU received a governmental rent or housing subsidy in August 1995.
61. If a governmental rent or housing subsidy was received in August 1995, indicate the type and amount of the subsidy. If "Other" is indicated, please enter the type of subsidy and the amount.
62. Indicate with an "X" if the AU paid utility costs during August 1995. Utility costs are for electricity, gas, telephone, water, garbage, and/or sewer.
63. If the AU paid utility costs during August 1995, indicate the actual amount paid. If the AU shared housing with another person(s), please enter the share of utility costs actually paid by the AU.

### **YOUR NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER**

64. Enter your name and a telephone number where you can be reached if it is necessary to obtain other information on this AU. The area designated "district" has been provided to make it easier to contact the individual completing the survey form in those counties that use district numbers.

If more room is needed in order to write comments to clarify entries on the survey, you may use the margins of the form or attach an additional sheet of paper.

**Thank you for filling out this questionnaire. You may want to photocopy the completed questionnaire and temporarily keep it in the case file should questions arise requiring contact from State staff.**

## **Discarded Survey Questions**

### October 1995 AFDC Characteristics Survey

No questions from the October 1995 AFDC Characteristics Survey were discarded.